

**City of Cortland
Cortland, New York**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Community Action Agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and
- WHEREAS,** Community Action Agencies have a 47 year history of promoting self-sufficiency for the limited income; and
- WHEREAS,** Cortland County Community Action has provided resources to low income individuals in Cortland County since 1974; and
- WHEREAS,** Community Action Agencies have made an essential contribution to individuals and families in New York by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Cortland County Community Action Program provided resources and services to more than 4500 children, youth, families and seniors in 2010; and
- WHEREAS,** Community Action Agencies are needed as major participants in the reform of the welfare system as we know it; and
- WHEREAS,** welfare reform in New York has benefited from the state's partnership with Community action agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the limited income continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and
- New York and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Susan D. Feiszli**, Mayor of the **City of Cortland**, do hereby proclaim May, 2011 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in Cortland, New York in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all Community Action agencies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Cortland, New
York this 3rd day of May, 2011.

Susan D. Feiszli
Mayor of Cortland, New York