

**City of Cortland
Cortland, New York**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young people ages 10-21 and
- WHEREAS,** almost 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicide and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 15 million current drinkers in the United States are dependent on alcohol; and
- WHEREAS,** adolescents alcohol use in Cortland County is greater than many other counties in New York State; and
- WHEREAS,** young people begin drinking, on average, at 13 years of age; and
- WHEREAS,** young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and
- WHEREAS,** alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes and
- WHEREAS,** alcohol abuse is a major factor in unprotected sex, increasing risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18 (that is more than for sneakers, gum and jeans combined).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, **Susan D. Feiszli**, Mayor of the City of Cortland, joins the Seven Valleys Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc. and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD), and do hereby proclaim April, 2011 as

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Cortland. As the Mayor, I also call upon all citizens, parents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and college in City of Cortland to support efforts that will increase community awareness and support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism in our community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Cortland, New
York this 5th day of April, 2011.

Susan D. Feiszli

Mayor of Cortland, New York