

City of Cortland
Cortland, New York

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong developmental disability which occurs in approximately 1 in every 110 births, the causes of which are not fully understood; and
- WHEREAS, speech and language may be absent or delayed, and cognitive abilities may be affected, causing the person with Autism to relate in different ways to people, objects and events, and causing great stress to families; and
- WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives, and,
- WHEREAS, early diagnosis, research, training, education and therapies are vital to reducing the effects of autism; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Cortland supports awareness efforts in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

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

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Cortland, and urge all employees and residents to participate in autism awareness activities, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

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