

**City of Cortland
Cortland, New York**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Cortland is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no *working* smoke alarms were present; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut in half the chance of dying in a reported fire; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement), outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and
- WHEREAS,** informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** Cortland's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and
- WHEREAS,** Cortland's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme for the 2010 Fire Prevention Week is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" actively works to motivate Cortland residents to implement smoke alarm recommendations in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Susan D. Feiszli**, Mayor of the **City of Cortland**, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the City of Cortland, and I urge all people of Cortland to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many activities and efforts of Cortland's fire and

emergency services.

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 October, 2010.

Susan D. Feiszli
Mayor of Cortland, New York