

**City of Cortland  
Cortland, New York**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** in 1871, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan Feiszli, Mayor of the City of Cortland, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2011 as**

**Arbor Day**

in the City of Cortland, New York, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal

of Cortland, New York this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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Susan D. Feiszli  
Mayor of Cortland, New York