Cortland County Proclamation

Proclaiming April 25-30, 2022 "YWCA Stand Against Racism Week" and April 29, 2022 "YWCA Stand Against Racism Day" in Cortland County

WHEREAS, all residents regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Cortland County residents value initiatives that will end race-based disparities and make the world a more equitable, inclusive, and dignified place for all to live; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all residents in dialogue, reflection, and action; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Cortland County supports YWCA in its praiseworthy mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Cortland County proudly supports YWCA Cortland in celebration of Stand Against Racism, a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Cortland County hereby declares April 29, 2022 as YWCA Stand Against Racism Day and encourages residents, local businesses, educators, and community and faith-based organizations to celebrate diversity and advocate for the elimination of racism by taking the pledge to stand against racism at CortlandYWCA.org.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 25 – 30, 2022 is declared as YWCA Stand Against Racism Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of April, 2022.

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Kevin Fitch, Chair
Cortland County Legislature