

**RESOLUTION**

**NUMBER** 124-09

**(RE: ADOPT THE NYS DEC MODEL CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY PLEDGE; AND AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABILITY MISSION STATEMENT AND POTENTIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE TOWN)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Cortlandt, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate does hereby adopt the Model Climate Smart Community Pledge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt does hereby authorize the development of a Sustainability Mission Statement and potential Sustainability Plan for the Town.

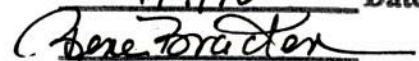
**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT  
JO-ANN DYCKMAN  
TOWN CLERK**

Adopted on May 12, 2009  
At a Regular Meeting  
Held at Town Hall

**Certified Copy**

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**Date**

  
**Deputy Town Clerk**