



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and essential resources while fostering critical thinking and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive spaces that promote a sense of community, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, libraries such as Poudre Libraries and Colorado State University Libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers play an important and unique role in the communities they serve by providing a welcoming environment where all are treated with respect and dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of April, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk