



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Colorado criminal code defines domestic violence as: “an act or threatened act of violence against a person with whom the defendant has an intimate relationship, such as a current or former spouse, partner, co-habitant, or co-parent when the act is used to coerce, control, punish, intimidate, or seek revenge against that person;” and

WHEREAS, nationally one in four women and one in seven men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes; 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence; domestic violence is one of the leading cause of homelessness for women and children; and

WHEREAS, in Fort Collins, 33% of homicides over the last 10 years were related to domestic violence such as intimate partner physical violence and sexual violence. In Colorado, 37% of women and 31% of men are reported as domestic violence victims; however, these statistics do not adequately represent LGBTQ2+ and Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color who face additional barriers to safety and experience domestic violence at disproportionately higher rates; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Safehouse (since 1980) and the Zonta Club of Fort Collins (since 1997), and other local human and social services agencies, together with numerous volunteers, provide critical assistance and services to victims and their children including lifesaving crisis intervention, emergency shelter, safety planning, advocacy and support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins recognizes multiple efforts by our community partners to bring awareness to and serve our community to support victims of domestic violence. These annual efforts are: Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, and Zonta Says NO to Violence - 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence from November 25th to December 10th; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2025 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and urge residents to join Zonta Club of Fort Collins and Crossroads Safehouse in support of efforts to end gender violence and to eliminate the detrimental consequences gender violence has on the well-being of our community year-round.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of November, 2025

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk