



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins strives to be a place of belonging where transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary (TGNCNB) individuals are accepted and embraced; and

WHEREAS, on this day, and on all days, we strive to create greater visibility and awareness of the transgender community—in memoriam, in honor, and in celebration; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Remembrance is observed worldwide on November 20 to mourn and honor those in the transgender community who have lost their lives through acts of anti-transgender violence, including Fred / Fredericka Martinez Jr. (Cortez, 2002), Angie Zapata (Greeley, 2008), Jayne Thompson (Orchard Mesa, 2020), Kelly Loving (Colorado Springs, 2022), Jax Gratton (Lakewood, 2025), and others misgendered in death; and

WHEREAS, the TGNCNB community suffers from higher rates of violence and abuse than cisgender or non-transgender individuals, which the media does not acknowledge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins condemns crimes and violence against the TGNCNB community in our city, state, and country, and invests in efforts to promote the health, wellbeing, and livelihood of the community, and allow all to pursue lives without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this day is an opportunity to inspire, inform, and educate about contributions of and challenges faced by the community as well as its extraordinary ongoing resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is committed to uplift and support our TGNCNB community and reaffirm their right to live visibly, authentically, and unapologetically, without exception;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the day of November 20, 2025 as

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

and call upon all community members to joyfully celebrate the diversity and authenticity that transgender and gender non-conforming individuals bring to our community

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