



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latiné Heritage Month observed annually from September 15 to October 15, celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of people with ties to Spain, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The dates were chosen to include key independence days, such as those of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15, and Mexico's on September 16; and

WHEREAS, as the largest ethnic, linguistic and cultural group in Fort Collins at nearly 20 percent of the population, the Hispanic/Latiné community reflects true diversity and represents all genders, races, socioeconomic statuses, nationalities, ages, sexual orientations, religions and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is proud to be home to many people of Hispanic/Latiné descent who play an important role in our strength and prosperity by making the community vibrant, strong, and productive, and whose tenacity, energy and leadership are woven into the culture of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of City leaders, City institutions, and community members to commit to the removal of cultural and systemic barriers, combat discrimination, promote tolerance and social justice, and advance the cause of equity and inclusion for all in our community, including community members of Hispanic/Latiné descent; and

WHEREAS, the City celebrates Hispanic/Latiné community leaders, organizations, and businesses and the invaluable contributions to Fort Collins; offers thanks and gratitude to Hispanic/Latiné leaders and contributors in education, the arts, sciences, medical fields, military, government, business, management, non-profits, social justice organizations, and more. As a City, we will continue to support such organizations, businesses, and individuals and recognize their important contributions to our community and city; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins City Council and staff commit to making Fort Collins a welcoming community for all people living here; to expanding opportunities in business, education, the arts, sciences, government and leadership; to removing barriers to equity, addressing hate and bias, and promoting equity and justice for Hispanic/Latiné community members. We recognize there is more work ahead of us and commitment to the fundamental community values of equity and inclusion in Fort Collins, ensuring that all residents feel respected, valued, and affirmed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim September 15-October 15, 2025, as

HISPANIC/LATINÉ HERITAGE MONTH

in Fort Collins and encourage residents to participate and to celebrate the cultural riches that our Hispanic/Latiné community has to offer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of September 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk