



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1975, a group of dedicated community leaders in Fort Collins saw the need to establish a community foundation to receive gifts and make impactful grants to improve arts, cultural offerings and peoples experience in the growing community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Junior High was converted into the present day Lincoln Center with help from the new Fort Collins Foundation, which contributed more than \$300,000 to its construction; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years the Foundation grew to include five more communities and six more counties and is now known as the NoCo Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Collins Community Fund, made up of donors' gifts specifically meant to improve Fort Collins, has contributed \$5.3 million through more than 1,100 grants to support the nonprofit sector serving its residents and natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the NoCo Foundation is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 and is recognizing the thoughtful generosity and long term investments from individual donors in the communities where we live, such as Fort Collins.

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

## THE YEAR OF PHILANTHROPY

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk