



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence - assault, harassment, and abuse - is a life-changing trauma that impacts every community and disproportionately impacts marginalized communities. Sexual Assault Awareness Month aims to raise public awareness, prevent sexual violence, and support the survivors and victims on their journey to healing; and

**WHEREAS**, over 53% of women, over 29% of men, and 47% of all transgender people reported experiencing sexual violence sometime in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention efforts, including education about consent, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention, are essential to creating a culture that does not tolerate sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we must work together as a community to support survivors, challenge harmful attitudes and behaviors, and create lasting change; and

**WHEREAS**, our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people regardless of age, sex, race, ability, religion, immigration status, criminal record, gender identity, and socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, we strive to create strong, connected, informed, and safe communities that care for one another and make decisions to ensure others well-being and end sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins recognizes the strength and resilience of survivors and victims, the perseverance of advocates, and the dedication of the professionals and community advocates who support those who have experienced sexual violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of April, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk