



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month, a time to reflect on and reaffirm national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and

**WHEREAS**, this year celebrates the 57th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and reflects on our current efforts to foster sustainable, inclusive communities of opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 1959, the State of Colorado was the first state in the U.S to pass fair housing laws, preceding the federal Fair Housing Act by nearly a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins City Code prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge our many community partners who are committed to addressing barriers to fair housing choice and educating all citizens concerning their rights regarding equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, those partners are represented by Colorado State University's Off-Campus Life. Off-Campus Life furthers fair housing by providing housing education and advocacy for CSU students, and housing resources to the public. Off-Campus Life has supported the community since the 1980s, providing resources to renters and outreach to populations who experience barriers to housing such as students who have basic needs insecurity and/or do not have a guarantor. Off-Campus Life is a valuable member of the housing-support system that increases housing opportunity, in partnership with others, including Student Legal Services and the City's Housing & Community Vitality department.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination, and I declare April 2026 as

## FAIR HOUSING 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