



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historic places in the Fort Collins area are tangible reflections of the lives, culture, memory, and craftsmanship of people who have lived in this region over time; and

WHEREAS, research on urban vitality demonstrates that reusing historic places are a keystone of our economic, social, and environmental wellbeing, attracting private investment, boosting tourism, creating well-paying jobs, and distinguishing our city's unique identity; and

WHEREAS, older, rehabilitated buildings and neighborhoods often offer lower-cost spaces for small businesses and lower-income residents in walkable and bikeable areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins established a historic preservation program in 1968 that today is recognized as a leader both regionally and nationally for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to preservation that supports community members; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the nation's 250th anniversary, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has themed Preservation Month 2026 as "All People Are Created Equal;" and

WHEREAS, we recognize vital partners in the City's ongoing efforts to steward our sense of place and history, including trades professionals, design professionals, cultural resource professionals, individual historic property owners, the Historic Preservation Commission, City Council, the Downtown Development Authority, Colorado State University, Cache La Poudre National Heritage Area, the Cultural Enrichment Center, the Fort Collins Historical Society, Historic Larimer County, the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, the Museo de Las Tres Colonias, the Fort Collins Municipal Railway Society, and the Poudre Landmarks Foundation and its auxiliary groups, the Friends of the Avery House, and the Friends of the Water Works.

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

FORT COLLINS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

and call upon the residents of Fort Collins to join in recognizing and participating in the preservation of our diverse heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 5th day of May, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk