



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, economic development, or as we call it in the City of Fort Collins, economic health, supports the foundation of a healthy, equitable, and resilient community where people and businesses can thrive; and

WHEREAS, economic development partners such as Colorado Small Business Development Center Serving Larimer County, Colorado State University, Downtown Development Authority, Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce, Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development, Northern Colorado Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI), Upstate Colorado, Visit Fort Collins, and City of Fort Collins work together to help businesses of all sizes and bring visitors to enjoy our beautiful community; and

WHEREAS, these economic partners cultivate and nurture businesses and entrepreneurship, that are the heart of Fort Collins' character and economic strength, to promote a strong and vibrant community providing residents with meaningful employment, opportunities, enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals work to foster a strong local economy by promoting business, fostering tourism, and celebrating the community's unique identity; and

WHEREAS, since 1926 the International Economic Development Council and its preceding organizations have advanced the profession globally, marking 100 years of leadership dedicated to fostering growth, innovation, inclusion, sustainability, and resilience in communities of all sizes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim May 4 – 10, 2026, as

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in Fort Collins to celebrate economic development that bolsters a thriving economy.

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