



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, July is recognized nationally as Disability Pride Month, a time to celebrate the history, achievements, contributions, and resilience of individuals with disabilities and to promote inclusion, acceptance, and understanding of disability as a natural part of human diversity; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities are valued members of the Fort Collins community, whose unique perspectives, talents, and experiences enrich our city and contribute to our collective progress; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month offers an opportunity to recognize and honor the diverse accomplishments of individuals with disabilities in Fort Collins across all sectors, including education, employment, arts, sports, science, and community advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is committed to fostering an inclusive and accessible community for all residents, acknowledging the ongoing barriers that can be faced by individuals with disabilities and working to eliminate those barriers to ensure equal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to continue fostering a community in Fort Collins that embraces disability as an integral and valued part of human diversity, ensuring all individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins appreciates the dedicated efforts of disability rights activists, local organizations, and advocates who work tirelessly to advance the rights, independence, and well-being of individuals with disabilities, contributing to a more inclusive and accessible Fort Collins for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins promotes the Disability Advisory Board (DAB) as a collaborative body dedicated to advising City Council on matters that enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, promoting accessibility, equity, and inclusion throughout the community.

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

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of July, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk