



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins strives to be a leader in sustainability and approved Our Climate Future in 2021 that identifies strategies to reduce single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins has set goals to conserve resources, minimize waste, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution, and protect the welfare of our residents and wildlife, all of which contribute to the quality of life in Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, plastic produces significant pollution in our open space, waterways, trails, and poses human health risks at all stages of plastic manufacturing, from production to disposal; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2050 scientists estimate that there will be more plastics in our oceans by weight than that of all fish, and plastic products that enter Colorado waterways eventually drain into the ocean; and

WHEREAS, plastic pollution is causing a public health crisis through the presence of microplastics in the water cycle (including alpine snowfall in the Rocky Mountains), human bodies, and soils; and

WHEREAS, Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions be part of the solution to plastic waste by providing resources and ideas to reduce single-use plastic waste at home, school, and work; and

WHEREAS, individuals choosing to implement small changes will create large impacts that only better our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins gladly supports the ongoing work of our Sustainability Services Area and the Single Use Plastic Reduction program.

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

PLASTIC FREE JULY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk