



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Pride was a riot at the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court established a long overdue civil right, by ruling that same-sex couples could marry; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is a diverse community which includes members who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, and others, (LGBTQ+), all of whom deserve not only to be recognized but welcomed and celebrated, and to feel safe and supported by Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the work and efforts of the many advocates, organizations, and allies, including; Fort Collins PRIDE, the City of Fort Collins PRIDE ERG, the CSU Pride Resource Center, PFLAG, Eclectic, the Women and Gender Equality Advisory Board, and SPLASH; and

WHEREAS, City Code prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; we acknowledge and celebrate our LGBTQ+ predecessors who advocated and fought for equity, inclusion, and open acceptance increase of all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins makes clear to our LGBTQ+ community members that their existence and love is valid, valued, and important, that they are worth celebrating, and that they are always welcome; and we honor the history of the LGBTQ+ community, and we encourage Fort Collins to embrace and celebrate with us, as the lights on City Hall are lit in rainbow colors for the month of June.

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

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

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