



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, community media centers, public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels, and independent media creators provide an invaluable service to our community by ensuring all voices have a platform to be heard; and

WHEREAS, community media fosters civic engagement, advances transparency in local government, and provides essential platforms for local education, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, these non-commercial media spaces provide residents with free or affordable access to media production training, electronic communication tools, and technology, effectively narrowing the digital divide; and

WHEREAS, community media serves as a vital first-responder communications network during local emergencies, delivering critical, localized information to residents when they need it most; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff, volunteers, and producers of our local media centers work tirelessly to capture the unique diversity, heritage, and spirit of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Community Media Day highlights the importance of free speech, media literacy, and democratic expression through local communication channels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2026, as

COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY

in Fort Collins and urge all residents to recognize the vital role that community media plays in keeping our city informed, connected, and engaged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of October, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk