



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 2026 is recognized as National Preparedness Month with the theme of “Preparedness Starts at Home,” reinforcing household readiness as the foundational cornerstone for broader community and organizational resilience; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month presents an opportunity to raise awareness and promote actions that enhance overall preparedness across our community before, during, and after an emergency, and for the community to focus on preparing residents, homes, businesses, churches, schools and institutions for any type of emergency; and

WHEREAS, a proactive approach to personal preparedness – having an emergency kit, making a plan, and signing up for emergency alerts – can mitigate the impact of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, individuals, families, and businesses play a crucial role in fostering a culture of preparedness and creating a community prepared for disasters of any type; and

WHEREAS, the City of the Fort Collins is committed to bring together government leaders and members of the community to actively participate in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Security has developed an emergency preparedness education program for the community, including the Fort Collins Volunteer Response Team that encourages community members to volunteer or otherwise help improve our community's resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Pignataro, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

and encourage the community to prioritize preparedness and work together toward a more prepared and resilient community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of September, 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk