



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month as a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and

WHEREAS, this year celebrates the 57th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and reflects on our current efforts to foster sustainable, inclusive communities of opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1959, the State of Colorado was the first state in the U.S to pass fair housing laws, preceding the federal Fair Housing Act by nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins City Code prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge our many community partners who are committed to addressing barriers to fair housing choice and educating all citizens concerning their rights regarding equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, this year, those partners are represented by the Colorado Poverty Law Project, which provides free legal services to residents facing eviction, including individuals and families facing unlawful housing practices based on disability, source of income, immigration status and other federal and state protections. With the support of the City's Eviction Legal Fund, the Colorado Poverty Law Project helped more than 1200 low-income and cost-burdened Fort Collins residents preserve their housing stability over the last twenty months. It is estimated that every dollar spent on eviction prevention saves \$29 in costs to support families experiencing homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

and that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of April, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk