



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence - assault, harassment, and abuse - is a life-changing trauma that impacts every community and disproportionately impacts marginalized communities. Sexual Assault Awareness Month aims to raise public awareness, prevent sexual violence, and support the survivors and victims on their journey to healing; and

**WHEREAS**, over 53% of women, over 29% of men, and 47% of all transgender people reported experiencing sexual violence sometime in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of people, across all sexual identities, who reported experiencing sexual violence, reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew; and

**WHEREAS**, trauma can be compounded by institutional and cultural perceptions that blame survivors rather than meeting them in their journey to healing and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people regardless of age, sex, race, ability, religion, immigration status, criminal record, and socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, we strive to create strong, connected, informed, and safe communities that care for one another and make decisions to ensure others well-being to end sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins recognizes the strength and resilience of survivors and victims, the perseverance of advocates, and the dedication of the professionals and community advocates who support those who have experienced sexual violence.

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

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

and call upon all community members to believe survivors, protect our neighbors, and acknowledge the disproportionate harm that affects the most marginalized populations.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk