



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins is committed to making our community a more inclusive, diverse, accepting, and welcoming place for all; and

**WHEREAS**, we invite all residents of Fort Collins to join together in these efforts, because an inclusive and diverse community is a safer, stronger, and more vibrant community; and

**WHEREAS**, this month is an opportunity to inspire, inform, and educate our community about the contributions of and challenges faced by the transgender and nonbinary community as well as the community's extraordinary and ongoing resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, this month we also recognize those in the transgender community who have lost their lives through acts of anti-transgender violence, including Fred / Fredericka Martinez Jr. (Cortez, 2002), Angie Zapata (Greeley, 2008), Jayne Thompson (Orchard Mesa, 2020), and others misgendered in death; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, and in all months, we strive to create greater visibility and awareness of the transgender community—in memoriam, in honor, and in celebration—and we strive to create an environment, now and in the future, that fosters acceptance and discourages and condemns violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins is committed to trans and nonbinary people, in their health, wellbeing, livelihood, and we thank them for being a part of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2024 as

## TRANSGENDER ACCEPTANCE MONTH

and call upon all community members to joyfully celebrate the diversity and authenticity that transgender individuals bring to our community

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 19th day of November 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk