



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Fort Collins play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their police department, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins Police Services has grown to be a progressive and professional law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fort Collins are urged to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their communities have established for themselves the enduring reputation of preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim May 12 through 18, 2024, as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

and further call upon all citizens of the City of Fort Collins to observe May 15, 2024, as *National Peace Officers Memorial Day* to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of May, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk