



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Board was established to enhance the status and opportunities for all women, girls, transgender, gender non-binary, and gender non-conforming persons in the City of Fort Collins and in collaboration with Women Focus Employee Resource Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Board acknowledges the continued need for social justice, decision-making and leadership roles in business and government, and socioeconomic empowerment of women and girls both locally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Board and Women Focus ERG celebrates the achievements and triumphs of women and girls, both locally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day was established in 1911 to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about gender-based discrimination, and take action to achieve women's rights; and

**WHEREAS**, acknowledging International Women's Day is a step towards validating that women and girls are to be noted for their social, economic, cultural, and political achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, call for gender equity, social justice, dignity, and respect towards all women and girls regardless of age, sex, race, ability, religion, immigration status, criminal record, and socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins has been devoted to increasing equity measures across all identities since the inception of the Office of Equity & Inclusion in August 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2026, as

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

and call upon all community members to join us in jubilation for the contributions, tireless efforts, and joy that women and girls bring to our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of March, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk