

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Larimer County where 9 percent of people face hunger; and

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families. Yet in 2021, 34 million people, 1 in 10, including 9 million children, 1 in 8, faced food insecurity in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Fort Collins need; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins City Council is committed to working with the Food Bank for Larimer County, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks; in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources; and in attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 40,000 individuals in Larimer County rely on food provided by Food Bank for Larimer County hunger-relief programs and partners annually; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the movement to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the September 2024, as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of September, 2024.

	Mayor Pro Tem	
ATTEST:		
City Clerk		