



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel John Mosley was a National Merit Scholar at Colorado State University from Denver's Manual High School in the fall of 1939; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Col. Mosley made the football team as a freshman, becoming the first African American football player at Colorado State since 1906, and was a three-year letterman, becoming the first African American letterwinner in Colorado State football history. He also became the second African American wrestler in school and state history earning all-conference honors in wrestling; and

**WHEREAS**, following graduation, Lt. Col. Mosley trained to be a pilot so he could fly for the Army Air Corps, enrolling in the Tuskegee Flight training center, and became one of the first African American bomber pilots in US history; and

**WHEREAS**, Lt. Col. Mosley served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, retiring as a Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force and post-retirement became a spokesman for black athletes and the Tuskegee Airmen, the first few African American pilots during WWII; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 Lt. Col. Mosley and his wife Edna received Doctorate of Humane Letters Honorary Degrees from Colorado State; and

**WHEREAS**, CSU developed the Lt. Col. Mosley Mentoring Program in 2011 as a resource for Black Student-Athletes and to serve and welcome all student-athletes; a program that continues to serve as a critical resource today.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare Saturday, September 7, 2024, as

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN MOSLEY DAY

and commend Lt. Col. Mosley's service and impact to the city and celebrate his sacrifices and achievements that provide important examples and inspiration on how to serve our city and country.

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

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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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City Clerk