



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, equality under the law is a fundamental value of Americans; and

WHEREAS, women of the United States have worked to gain full rights and privileges - public and private, legal or institutional - as citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the fight for Women's right to vote began as early as the 1840's; involved a long struggle that spanned generations of suffragists; and the amendment, first proposed and rejected in 1878, was reintroduced every year for the next 41 years; and

WHEREAS, women in every state and every cultural and religious group worked to secure women's right to vote through the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which states that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."; and

WHEREAS, Congress designated August 26, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was certified, as Women's Equality Day; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Women' Equality Day is Inspire Inclusion and prioritizes equity, access, and opportunity of women's work for democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2024, as

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

on August 26, as a national day celebrating the importance of the women's suffrage movement and work to secure and expand equal rights today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of August 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk