



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month as a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and

**WHEREAS**, this year celebrates the 56th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and reflects on our current efforts to foster sustainable, inclusive communities of opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 1959, the State of Colorado was the first state in the U.S to pass fair housing laws, preceding the federal Fair Housing Act by nearly a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins City Code prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge our many community partners who are committed to addressing barriers to fair housing choice and educating all citizens concerning their rights regarding equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, those partners are represented by CARE Housing, the master developer of Heartside Hill, a housing development that will provide a diversity of housing type and choice for persons at various incomes, abilities, and life stages. Once completed, this community will include an early childhood education center, 2 homes for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, 72 affordable apartments and 9 single family homes that will be dedicated to long-term affordable home ownership.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby decree that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination, and I declare April 2024, as

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of April, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Assistant City Clerk