



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is committed to improving and maintaining our quality of life which includes reducing light pollution by minimizing glare, light trespass, and sky glow; and

WHEREAS, outdoor lighting best practices can preserve, protect, and enhance the night sky while mitigating negative impacts to wildlife health; and

WHEREAS, International Dark Sky Week is April 2 through 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, night sky compliant lighting practices can be as easy as using light only where you need it, when you need it, with the minimum amount of light needed, while shielding and directing light downwards; and

WHEREAS, the average light pollution in Fort Collins is 20 times brighter than natural conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is willing to lead by example by improving, retrofitting, and pursuing standards where necessary to support night sky compliance; and

WHEREAS, protecting the night sky helps promote safety, livability, migratory animals and insects, urban natural areas and quality life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is acting to minimize light pollution through lighting code updates, building retrofits, improved street lighting technology, education and technical assistance, and data collection and monitoring;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2 through 8, 2024, as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

Assistant City Clerk