



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Heart Association, more than 356,000 EMS-assessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (meaning not related to other trauma) occur annually in the United States and nearly 90 percent are fatal; and

WHEREAS, in our community, thanks to the combined efforts of everyone from neighbors and businesses to first responders and elected officials, 19 people who suffered an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in 2022, went home with the ability to live and function as they did before the incident. This means grandparents holding grandkids, husbands on second honeymoons, and overall, more people with more time together; and

WHEREAS, partnerships and teamwork resulted in a 15 percent average survival rate, placing our community well above the national average of around 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, CPR and AED deployment, especially if performed immediately, can dramatically improve the chance of survival and hands-only CPR is as effective as traditional CPR in those first minutes before responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, hands-only CPR has just two easy steps 1: Call 911 if you see someone collapse and 2: Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of a song that has 100 to 120 beats per minute, such as “Stayin’ Alive” by the Bee Gees or “Jolene” by Dolly Parton; and

WHEREAS, everyone is part of a successful chain of survival; including the bystander that starts CPR, the telecommunicator, and the fire and EMS crews; without the community we could not succeed – first responders encourage you to download the PulsePoint app today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of June 1-7, 2023, as

CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK

in Fort Collins to recognize the life-saving impact that CPR and AEDs have throughout our community and globe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Chief Deputy City Clerk