



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this is the 50th anniversary of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week; and the theme, “Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future,” seeks to empower us to remember the pioneers who made EMS what it is today and encourages us to face the future with their same tenacity and drive for excellence; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMS has grown to fill gaps by providing vital, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, connections to social services, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the EMS system consists of medical technicians, paramedics, telecommunicators, firefighters, data analysts, police officers, educators, administrators, nurses, physicians, community members, and other out-of-hospital care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating EMS Week and celebrating their tireless work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 through 25, 2024, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

with the theme, “*Honoring our Past, Forging our Future*,” I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, education, and activities such as learning CPR or thanking a first responder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of May, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk