



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is committed to making our community a more inclusive, diverse, accepting, and welcoming place for all; and

WHEREAS, we invite all residents of Fort Collins to join in these efforts, because an inclusive and diverse community is a safer, stronger, and more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, this month is an opportunity to inspire, inform, and educate our community about the contributions of and challenges faced by the transgender and nonbinary community as well as the community's extraordinary and ongoing resilience; and

WHEREAS, this month also recognizes those in the transgender community who have lost their lives through acts of anti-transgender violence, including Fred/Fredericka Martinez, Jr. (Cortez, 2002), Angie Zapata (Greeley, 2008), Jayne Thompson (Orchard Mesa, 2020), and others misgendered in death; and

WHEREAS, this month, and in all months, we strive to create greater visibility and awareness of the transgender community—in memoriam, in honor, and in celebration—and we strive to create an environment, now and in the future, that fosters acceptance and discourages and condemns violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the 23rd day of November, 2023, as

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RESILIENCY

in the City of Fort Collins to foster inclusion and acceptance of our transgender and nonbinary community and to honor the lives lost to anti-transgender violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of November, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk