



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to U.S. children ages 1 to 18; and

WHEREAS, there were 31,000 emergency room visits from 2016-2021 to children under the age of 18 in Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, the main injuries to children causing disability and death in our community include motor vehicle crashes, bike and pedestrian crashes, drownings, sudden unexplained infant death, firearms, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, fatal wounds from firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens in Colorado as an average of 69 people in this age group die each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children and recognizes that hospitals, state agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries among children. The City commends Safe Kids of Larimer County, ATS Chapter of Colorado, and Be SMART For Kids, all of which are committed in their endeavor to protect children from injury.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby retroactively proclaim November 18, 2023, as

NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

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