



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the city of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins Utilities serves treated water to over 135,000 customers, has over 500 miles of water mains, operates and maintains a large water treatment facility and two wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure and lack reliable revenue and funding to maintain systems let alone upgrade their systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems to secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, innovation in water efficiency and reuse will drive job growth, economic development, and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management; and

WHEREAS, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins Utilities has a Water Shortage Action Plan and a Water Efficiency Plan which helps mitigate potential risk to our shared water supplies, to avoid water service disruptions and protection of this vital resource we all depend on.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2026, as

IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of October 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk