



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, wildfires increasingly threaten homes and communities as the climate changes and more people move close to and into the wildland areas of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, most wildfires are human caused including the Cameron Peak Fire, Alexander Mountain Fire, and several smaller fires in recent weeks; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented growth of the wildland-urban interface has elevated the need for wildfire prevention and preparedness at both the community and individual homeowner levels; and

WHEREAS, long-term climate trends and the build-up of forest fuels have further increased the risk of wildfire. These factors, coupled with the expansion of the wildland-urban interface, are challenging efforts to protect people, property, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, wildfires are a natural part of an ecosystem that reduces hazardous fuels, improves habitats, promotes growth of some species, and returns nutrients to the soil. Therefore, coordinated education concerning how, where, and why wildfire burns, as well as collaborative efforts to increase survivability of homes and property is paramount; and

WHEREAS, the local, state, and federal wildfire agencies of Colorado, in partnership with fire prevention, land management, and wildfire adaptation organizations in the state, are working together to increase awareness of wildfires so we can all Live Wildfire Ready; and

WHEREAS, simple yard maintenance, fire resistant materials, and covering openings such as vents with mesh screens, can greatly improve the probability of property surviving a wildfire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim May as

WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of May 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk