



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Small Business Week, a celebration championed by the U.S. Small Business Administration, honors the pivotal role small businesses play in shaping vibrant communities and fueling economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fort Collins, 96% of businesses are small businesses with 50 employees or less; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are supported by organizations such as the Better Business Bureau, CSU Institute for Entrepreneurship, Downtown Creative District, Downtown Development Authority, Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce, Founded in FoCo, Innosphere Ventures, Larimer Small Business Development Center, Larimer County Economic & Workforce Development, NoCo Latino Chamber, NoCo Biz Connect, North Fort Collins Business Association, Poudre River Library District, Visit Fort Collins, sector partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, our small businesses feed us, style us, and caffeinate us, they create jobs and keep money in our community, they define the culture, the character, and the charm of Fort Collins, they entertain us, they are risk-takers, and they are the soul of our city; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4-10, 2025, as

### NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in Fort Collins in honor of the grit, the grace, and the glow small businesses give to our city.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk