



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ongoing research reminds us that our historic places are the keystone of the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of our community both present and future; and

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has established the theme for Preservation Month 2023 as People Saving Places; and

WHEREAS, historic places in Fort Collins reflect the contributions, large and small, of people throughout our community who have shaped the City since before its foundation, and have cared for its historic places since the City established an historic preservation program in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the stewardship of historic places contributes to the economic, environmental, and social vitality of Fort Collins by advancing the conservation of building materials, support of local businesses and trades, and a sense of connection and belonging; and

WHEREAS, historic places can remind us of the important role underrepresented and historically marginalized people have played in Fort Collins history, including women like Alice Edwards, African Americans like Mattie Lyle, Latinx residents like Jovita Vallecillo Lobato, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins Historic Preservation Services is recognized as a leader both regionally and nationally for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to preservation and support for property owners, occupants, and business owners in our historic buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

FORT COLLINS ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

and call upon the citizens of Fort Collins to join in recognizing and participating in the preservation of our heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of May, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk