



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2025, the United States of America commemorates the historic anniversary of the United States Marine Corps' founding in Philadelphia's Tun Tavern in 1775 and pays tribute to the generations of Marines who have faithfully defended her ideals; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, the Marine Corps has stood as a symbol of honor, courage and commitment, answering our Nation's call to service in every clime and place; and

WHEREAS, Marine Corps' history is etched with storied battles and remarkable bravery. From the "halls of Montezuma" to the "shores of Tripoli," through the brutal campaigns of Belleau Wood and Iwo Jima, and in recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, Marines have earned their reputation as America's elite force; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps' motto is *Semper Fidelis*—Always Faithful—a promise of eternal and collective commitment to victory in battle, the progress of our Nation, and unwavering loyalty to their fellow Marines and the story of the Marine Corps is the story of America: an enduring struggle for liberty, justice, and security. We honor the "Few and the Proud" who, embody the very best of the American spirit; and

WHEREAS, on this 250th birthday, we not only celebrate the past but also recognize the vibrant, resilient, and forward-looking Corps of today, ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow and illuminating the path for those who will follow; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Military Community Resource Group from the City of Fort Collins, Poudre Fire Authority and the Library District employees are Marines and the Military Community Employee Resource Group supports active duty, reservists and veterans of the Marine Corps and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim November 10th, 2025, as

THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS' 250th ANNIVERSARY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of November 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk