



## 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 over 135,000 treated water customers, has over 500 miles of water mains, and 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**, one-fifth of the U.S. economy would grind to a halt without a reliable and clean source of water so 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 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, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare October 20, 2022 as a day to

### IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER

and we recognize that water is essential to the quality of life and economic competitiveness and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of October, A.D. 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk