



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, our community was established as “Camp Collins” military fort in 1862; and

**WHEREAS**, we became Fort Collins in 1864, named after Army Lieutenant Colonel William O. Collins, the commander of the Ohio Cavalry troops stationed here northeast of Old Town Fort Collins and bounded by North College Avenue on the west, Jefferson Street/Riverside Avenue on the southwest, and Cache la Poudre River on the northeast; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins, Poudre Library District, and the Poudre Fire Authority have staff who are active duty, reservist, veterans, and family members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins has an Employee Resource Group to support the Military Community in these organizations which help advocate for City of Fort Collins and allied agency veterans, active duty, reservists, and military family members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Continental Army was formed on June 14, 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence, designated as the Army of the United States in the United States Constitution, and has played a vital role in the growth of the American nation. At times, the Army provided the lone symbol of nationhood around which patriots rallied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Army will celebrate its 250th anniversary with events in Washington, D.C on June 14, 2025, to honor the sacrifices, achievements, and spirit of American warriors; and

**WHEREAS**, this day is a time to celebrate the nation’s first military organization along with those who served in the Army, and the many sacrifices over these 250 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly formed Military Community Employee Resource Group supports those active duty, reservists, veterans, and their families of the Army.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2025, as

### **THE UNITED STATES ARMY’S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk