



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Pride was a riot at the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969; and nearly fifty years later, on June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples could marry, establishing a new and long overdue civil right in our country; and

WHEREAS, at Compton's Cafeteria in August 1966, the transgender community first made their collective voices heard; and some sixty years later national discourse and policy attempts to erase and eradicate transgender and non-binary people from civil life; and

WHEREAS, members of the Fort Collins community who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, Two-Spirit, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQ+) deserve civil rights: they deserve to be fully recognized and welcomed, to be safe, and to live in our community without the threat of violence, marginalization, erasure, discrimination, or harassment; and

WHEREAS, the fight for dignity, belonging, and equity for LGBTQ+ people is reflected in the dedication of advocates, allies, and local organizations such as, SPLASH, PFLAG, Eclectic, the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Board, and the Colorado State University Pride Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, City staff formed the PRIDE Employee Resource Group to ensure LGBTQ+ people are safe, valued and affirmed within the organization and community, and their work has elevated the Fort Collins Municipal Equality Index from 60 to 100 over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the City Code prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; we invite our community to recognize that transgender men are men, transgender women are women, and non-binary people are who they say they are; to celebrate the hard-fought victories of the LGBTQ+ community; and also acknowledge that more work remains to achieve full equity, inclusion, representation, and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to make clear to our LGBTQ+ community: your identity is real and valid, you are valued, you are worthy of celebration, and you should always feel proud of who you are and safe in our community; and to honor the many LGBTQ+ milestones and encourage Fort Collins to celebrate diversity and inclusion, rainbow lights will be lit at City Hall throughout the month of June.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare the month of June 2025, as

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk