



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1970, Fort Collins resident Bette Sears successfully gathered 1,700 names on a petition to create designated bike lanes in the city of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sears did so in order to create safe routes for kids to travel to school, benefitting future generations of bicyclists and easing congestion and tailpipe emissions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sears took these actions with the support of her husband, Bill Sears, Fort Collins resident Ruth Orr and many other residents whose contributions and stories are preserved at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery archives & collections; and

WHEREAS, the City began work on its first bike lane in the 700 block of Olive Street on September 24th, 1970, resulting in more than 185 miles of dedicated bike lanes and 46 miles of paved pathways leading to Fort Collins' designation as a platinum-level Bicycle Friendly City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2026 as

BETTE SEARS BIKE LANE APPRECIATION DAY

in the city of Fort Collins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of September, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk