



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates linguistic and cultural diversity in Fort Collins, the state, and nation. This heritage month is celebrated mid-September to mid-October to highlight the independence of several countries: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. We respect the deep ties to this land of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Latinx Hispanic community is the largest ethnic and cultural group in Fort Collins at nearly 12.8% of the local population, and reflects all genders, races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, nationalities, ages, sexual orientations, religions and abilities, and we recognize that we are not a monolith community and identify as Latino, Latina, Latinx, Hispanic, and Chicano; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is fortunate to be home to businesses and nonprofit organizations such as Alianza Norco, ISSAC, La Familia Center, Church Worldwide Services, Mujeres de Colores, CSU El Centro, First Peoples Community Center, and Latino Chamber of Commerce, whose work welcomes people from across the Americas, connects them to resources, and builds bridges across our community, and whose dedication reflects shared values of generosity, dignity, neighborly care, belonging and allyship; and

WHEREAS, City leaders and City institutions commit to the removal of cultural and systemic barriers, to combat discrimination, and to invest in cultural celebrations that unite the community, invest in language access, invest time engaging with the community to help expand opportunities and promote agency, inclusion, recognition and connection for Latinx Hispanic community members; and

WHEREAS, the City celebrates Hispanic/Latiné community leaders, organizations, and businesses and the invaluable contributions to Fort Collins; offers thanks and gratitude to Hispanic/Latiné leaders and contributors in education, the arts, sciences, medical fields, military, government, business, management, non-profits, social justice organizations, and more. As a City, we will continue to support such organizations, businesses, and individuals and recognize their important contributions to our community and city; and

WHEREAS, we recognize there is always work ahead and we remain committed to the fundamental community values of belonging, equity and inclusions, ensuring all feel respected, valued, and affirmed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim September 15-October 15, 2026, as

LATINX HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

and call upon residents to celebrate the rich culture, resilience, and contributions of the Latinx Hispanic community, and to recommit ourselves to building a Fort Collins where everyone belongs and thrives.

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