



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the women's rights movement and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the sciences, literature, teaching, study of American history as well as in their contributions in areas listed above; and

WHEREAS, Living Her Legacy, a nonprofit Recognizing Women. Inspiring Girls. has been approved to create the first Historic, public outdoor art/education exhibition to recognize women's accomplishments in Fort Collins and in Colorado, including education programs for 2nd grade to 19- year-old girls and teen moms; and

WHEREAS, Living Her Legacy is creating a generation of change makers who will impact their communities and the girls who come behind them with our women's public art exhibition and our education programs for girls.

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

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and call upon the community members of Fort Collins to celebrate March as Women's History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk