



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our community believes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities belong in the community and have fundamental moral, civil and constitutional rights to be fully included and actively participate in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins recognizes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are defined by their own strengths, abilities, and inherent value, not by their disability; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, with appropriate resources and supports, can make decisions about their own lives and must be heard on issues affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins is interested in the welfare of, and improving the quality of life for citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City wants to encourage businesses, individual citizens and the community-at-large to promote full inclusion for citizens with disabilities in work and recreation in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2015 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the city of Fort Collins and ask the citizens to recognize and include in all activities, all citizens with developmental disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of March, A.D. 2015.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk