



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month as a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and

**WHEREAS**, this year celebrates the 49th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and reflects on our current efforts to foster sustainable, inclusive communities of opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Colorado passed its own Fair Housing Act in 1959, and provided additional fair housing protections for creed, ancestry, sexual orientation, and marital status; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins City Code prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge our many community partners who are committed to addressing barriers to fair housing choice and educating all citizens concerning their rights regarding equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, those partners are represented by the Fort Collins Board of Realtors for their inclusive educational and outreach efforts and dedication to promoting access to homeownership opportunity.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby decree that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination, and I declare April 2017 as

## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of April, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk