



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, there are people in our community who do not have a warm, safe home of their own, and who must endure harsh and life-threatening winter weather conditions due to lack of consistent shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, a communitywide response to help those who need shelter is critical in our city and to our future; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer involvement and community investments strengthen our city by providing resources to assist those experiencing homelessness and vulnerabilities of destitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in the winter of 2016-2017, community and faith-based organizations, nonprofits, colleges, City of Fort Collins staff, and dedicated individuals coordinated their collective resources and gave selflessly to provide volunteer-driven, community-based winter survival support to those in need in Fort Collins; and

**WHEREAS**, in an intentional, coordinated initiative, volunteers and organizations collaboratively provided welcoming warming centers, safe and warm overnight shelter, street outreach, transportation to needed services and shelters, timely emergency weather response, and necessary clothing and essentials to endure the Colorado winter; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the accomplishments of the compassionate community of volunteers and organizations in Fort Collins who provided vital refuge and respite for hundreds of people in need this winter.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby recognize the outstanding voluntary commitments and contributions from the Fort Collins community through programs such as *Safe Place to Rest* and the Emergency Weather Shelter Plan which provide necessary care and interventions for people experiencing homelessness this winter and who furthermore inspire our continued community efforts to do so.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of June, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk