



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Frederick R. Baker was born in February 1844, homesteaded in Fort Collins in 1873, was the mayor of Fort Collins from 1895-1902, and was the Larimer County Commissioner from 1890-1893; and

WHEREAS, Frederick R. Baker was responsible for bringing forward Carnegie Library and Lincoln Park while in office as the mayor, and was founder of the First Presbyterian Church now located at Myrtle and College Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was known as the most influential farmer in Fort Collins and noted for promoting the sugar beet industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1863 a group of soldiers (Union Light Guard), including Frederick R. Baker, were assigned to protect the President, by selection of the best men from each county of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Frederick R. Baker protected President Abraham Lincoln until his assassination on April 14, 1865 and continued this service through the term of President Andrew Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Frederick R. Baker's 1865 daily diary documenting his experiences while serving President Lincoln until his assassination is archived at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, along with his saber and personal Bible; and a book was published on his behalf, called A Civil War Diary of Frederick R. Baker, which is available for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare May 21, 2019 as

FREDERICK R. BAKER DAY

to honor this founding father, whose contributions and influence on agriculture and cultural development of our parks and libraries and sense of civic life makes us truly a caring and Choice City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of May, A.D. 2019.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk