



Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Character quality of Discernment is a critical personal quality needed for lasting success; and

WHEREAS, we desire to build upon our heritage and make Fort Collins a place where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbors care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the health of this community depends upon all of our citizens being able to thrive in their activities and their associations; and

WHEREAS, the tranquility and orderly operation and development of our City demand that we implement the key concept of Discernment: asking good questions about what is really happening; establishing the facts and gathering solid evidence before drawing conclusions; judging carefully to discover causes and effects in their proper relationships; adjusting our thinking based on carefully weighing the evidence; learning from experience and applying past knowledge to new situations; and acting appropriately to apply our knowledge to circumstances as they arise; and

WHEREAS, by following these suggestions developing awareness and modifying our behavior, we as citizens individually and collectively can show genuine interest in one another, can build bridges that hold our community together and allow individuals to relate positively, can discover the needs of others, can show gratefulness when our own needs are met, and can honestly reciprocate in helping one another - as we move boldly yet patiently into our future as a Culture of Excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the character trait of

DISCERNMENT

“looking beyond surface perceptions to the underlying causes, thereby understanding the deeper reasons for events and actions”

as the community of character focus for the month of April 2007 in the city of Fort Collins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of April, A.D. 2007.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk