



Mayor

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## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally designated and observed throughout the nation as Older Americans Month – the 2003 theme is "What We Do Makes A Difference," in recognition of the national community in which we live, and in tribute to the American family which is the strength of our community and nation; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge the contributions older individuals have made and will make to our economic and social well-being using their ingenuity and creativity, hard work and sacrifice, and inspirational courage; and*

*WHEREAS, the gift of longevity will ensure that today's and tomorrow's seniors will continue making significant contributions in the workplace, through civic leadership and mentoring, and in our homes, by giving of themselves freely and sharing their wisdom and experience; and*

*WHEREAS, the number of older adults is the fastest growing population in our community and the Fort Collins Senior Center has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the older adult population of Fort Collins through a wide array of services, innovative programs, and activities to empower older adults to contribute to their own health and well-being, tapping their experiences, skills, and knowledge and enabling their continued contributions to our community; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Fort Collins joins the nation in honoring a 40-year-old tradition by designating the month of May as a time to celebrate the contributions of older Americans and to rededicate our efforts to better serve them.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Martinez, Mayor of the city of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2003, as*

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

*in the city of Fort Collins and hereby urge all citizens to honor elders during this month, this year, and this millennium, and promote and participate in activities and services that contribute to the health, welfare, and independence of our older citizens.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of May, A.D.2003.*

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ATTEST:

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City Clerk