



Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 168,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 136 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past 42 years, 286 men and women from the city of Fort Collins have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business, education, health, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corp Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Martinez, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2003 as

PEACE CORPS DAY

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 18th day of February, A.D. 2003.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk