



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the character quality of deference 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 deference: minding our surroundings and cultural conditions; recognizing and valuing others in our neighborhoods and workplaces; recognizing differences in opinion, values and background, even when not agreeing with those differences; considering and tolerating the preferences and interests of others; seeking resolutions to conflicts and divisive issues quickly and thoroughly; and,

**WHEREAS**, by following these suggestions for 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 emerging 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

### DEFERENCE

**“dealing with differences by restraining ourselves from demeaning the tastes and values of others.”**

as the community of character focus for the month of March 2008, 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 4th day of March, A.D. 2008.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk