



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play a critical role in every sphere of our nation's life; and

**WHEREAS**, American women of every age, race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the labor union movement, the fight for education, the modern civil rights movement and today in the drive for health care for all; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these contributions the role of American women in history has been overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history; and

**WHEREAS**, the transition of Fort Collins from a frontier settlement into a developing city is rooted in the hard work of countless individuals. Early history books often portray accounts of the men who "founded" Fort Collins, but less often do women receive equal recognition. Letters, diaries, pictures, and artifacts reveal that the early female settlers of Fort Collins were visionaries, business leaders, community builders, free spirits, mothers, and more. They used courage, good humor, and grace to establish a life for themselves and their families, while leaving behind many paths that the Fort Collins community still follows today.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2008 to be

### **NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**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