



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the *FIRST*, which stands for *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*, organization and Poudre High School's Alpine Robotics Team 159; and

**WHEREAS** this week exists to acknowledge the achievements of the alpine Robotics Team, their ability to share the importance of science and technology and celebrate how much we rely on these areas of knowledge in every day of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, *FIRST* was founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen in an effort to inspire generations of children to participate in problem solving tasks using science and technology and replicating real life situations; and

**WHEREAS**, the relationships and lessons that the students learn from their community mentors and teachers are life long and inspire a commitment to higher education, often in technology areas, that will prepare students to better our world and community through gracious professionalism; and

**WHEREAS** in a country ranked 27th and 28th on a global ranking of math and science respectively, these students acknowledge the importance of such areas and are motivated to increase awareness and expand education in these fields; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's task is called "Overdrive" and is a competition where 6 robots compete on a 54-foot by 26-foot field, racing while throwing a 3.5-foot diameter ball over a rack placed horizontally across the track.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim March 3-7, 2008 as

### **NATIONAL *FIRST* ROBOTICS WEEK**

in Fort Collins, and call upon the citizens of the city to recognize the importance of science and technology, support this team at its competitions on March 28th and 29th at the University of Denver and the national competition in mid-April in Atlanta, Georgia, and encourage the overall participation of young men and women in these fields.

**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