



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, throughout our history, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have been an integral part of the American character and remain a vital cultural, political, social and moral presence; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal America has brought to this great country certain values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit: that humans can thrive and prosper in harmony with the natural environment; that people from very different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division; and

**WHEREAS**, a Native American presence has been established in the Northern Colorado area for over 12,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Native Americans continue to contribute to the social, economic and cultural prosperity of Fort Collins; and

**WHEREAS**, the word pow-wow originates from the Algonquian word pau wau and refers to a gathering that includes singing, dancing, and socializing where the public is invited to attend as well as participate; and

**WHEREAS**, local resources such as the Northern Colorado Intertribal Pow-wow Association, and the Office of Native American Student Services at Colorado State University play a vital role in assisting and providing the Fort Collins community with diverse programming.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2008 as

### **NORTHERN COLORADO INTERTRIBAL POW-WOW ASSOCIATION DAY**

in the city of Fort Collins and urge all residents to participate in scheduled events.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of October, A.D. 2008.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk