



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the purpose of Native American Awareness Month is to honor and recognize the original peoples of this land; and

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, local resources such as the Native American Cultural Center and 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 the month of November 2009 as

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS MONTH

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 3rd day of November, A.D. 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk