



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Association of Lions Clubs was founded in 1917 by Chicago-area businessman Melvin Jones; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness”; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Fort Collins Lions Club is to help the visually and hearing impaired, to support efforts to teach youth how to make good decisions about their lives, to encourage community service, without personal financial reward; and

WHEREAS, activities of the Fort Collins Lions Club include providing glasses and hearing aids to individuals with limited financial means; providing vision screening to pre-school children; collecting and recycling used eyeglasses for transport to countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America; serving as Site Coordinator for the 9Health Fair in Fort Collins; donating children’s books to local elementary schools and large print books to the Fort Collins Library; providing pancake breakfasts in support of several local charitable activities; supporting the Ensign Skills Center; supporting the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank; supporting the Colorado Lions Camp for handicapped children; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Lions Club, chartered on May 8, 1920, has provided vision and hearing services to the Fort Collins community for ninety years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2010 as

FORT COLLINS LIONS CLUB 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

in Fort Collins and to recognize the contributions of citizenship and service that the Fort Collins Lions Club brings to this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of May, A.D. 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk