



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, carcinoid cancer is the result of changes in the gastrointestinal system which cause neuroendocrine cells to grow abnormally and form slow-growing, microscopic tumors, which, if untreated, can expand and create numerous serious symptoms and even cause death; and

WHEREAS, carcinoid cancer is commonly misdiagnosed due to the symptomatic similarities to other maladies, including Irritable Bowel Syndrome, anxiety, and Crohns disease; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of carcinoid cancer include abdominal pain, swelling of the skin around the face and neck, wheezing, upset stomach, and some symptoms of heart failure, including breathlessness; and

WHEREAS, by raising public awareness of carcinoid cancer, the State of Colorado and the City of Fort Collins seek to minimize the devastating effects of the illness among Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, Poudre Valley Cancer Treatment and Research Center is committed to supporting carcinoid research and fostering excellence in cancer care; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth Annual Run For Hope 5K will be held on July 22 and 23, 2011, to raise support for the Poudre Valley Cancer Treatment and Research Center and to provide funding for education and awareness of carcinoid cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim August 2011 as

CARCINOID CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage the citizens of Fort Collins to become aware of this devastating disease and to participate in support for research to find a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 19th day of July, A.D. 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk