



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped establish America's frontiers; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and determination and the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

WHEREAS the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures; and

WHEREAS, cowboy traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of approximately 656,500 ranches in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music and the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the public's imagination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2011 as

NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY

and I encourage our community to participate in the activities surrounding this event.

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