



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Sister Mary Alice Murphy has been a community catalyst and supporter of the homeless of Northern Colorado for more than 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Mary Alice Murphy and her coworkers played a fundamental role in bringing initial awareness to Fort Collins about the realities of homelessness in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Mary Alice Murphy and her coworkers developed relationships among business, faith, government and nonprofit leaders to comprehensively address homelessness in ways that had never been done before; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Mary Alice Murphy and her coworkers founded and/or inspired numerous organizations and initiatives to provide support to the homeless of Fort Collins, with objectives of preventing and ending homelessness: CARE Housing, Catholic Charities Northern of Colorado, The Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope, Hand-Up Cooperative, Homeless Day Services Initiative, Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Homeless Gear, and Homeward 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a foundation for the future has been laid due to the next generation staff and supporters systemically addressing local Fort Collins homelessness who are now carrying the torch, thanks to Sister Mary Alice Murphy's guidance and direction; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands upon thousands of lives of Northern Colorado's most vulnerable have been greatly improved by the presence of Sister Mary Alice Murphy and her coworkers as we celebrate her 80th birthday.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2011 as

### **SISTER MARY ALICE MURPHY AND COWORKERS DAY**

to celebrate the incredible work and dedication of Sister Mary Alice Murphy for the city.

**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.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk