



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Agriculture initiated the Irrigation Investigations Unit in Fort Collins in 1911 through a cooperative agreement with the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station; and

**WHEREAS**, USDA irrigation water management research has continued in Fort Collins in collaboration with Colorado State University for 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, irrigation water management innovations developed by the USDA in Fort Collins have been adopted across Colorado, the west, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, over 300 CSU students of irrigation engineering and agricultural water management have received internships, graduate advising, or employment from the USDA; and

**WHEREAS**, federal research laboratories located in Fort Collins, such as the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, employ over 750 and contribute nearly \$100,000,000 to the Larimer County economy each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDA Agricultural Research Service Water Management Research Unit will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary on September 29 and 30, 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Weitkanut, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim September 29 and 30, 2011, as

### **USDA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE WATER MANAGEMENT RESEARCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of September, A.D. 2011.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy City Clerk