City of Fort Collins

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month and a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Our Work Today Defines Our Tomorrow", celebrates the 45th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and reflects that our current efforts are helping to foster sustainable, inclusive communities of opportunity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado passed its own Fair Housing Act in 1959, and provided additional fair housing protections for creed, ancestry, sexual orientation, and marital status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins City Code prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge our many community partners who are committed to addressing barriers to fair housing choice and educating all citizens concerning their rights regarding equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, this year, those partners are represented by Neighbor to Neighbor, whose mission is to open doors and advance lives by providing housing counseling, supportive services, and multi-family affordable housing; and by Northern Colorado AIDS Project, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS and to help reduce the spread and stigma of the disease.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of Fort Collins, Colorado, do hereby decree that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination, and I declare April 2013 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk