



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the German-Russian community of Fort Collins and surrounding regions has designated the week of July 7 – 14, 2013 to share its heritage and culture with the residents of Fort Collins and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 44th International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR), and the first time, the convention is held in Fort Collins, Colorado, in conjunction with participation by the International Center for German Russian Studies at Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 250th anniversary of the July 22, 1763 Manifesto of Empress Catherine the Great and the waves of migration of Germans into the Russian Empire, which began the later waves of migration of Germans from Russia to North and South America, bringing with them a rich cultural and agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins community and surrounding regions will be given the opportunity to participate in the AHSGR convention and festivities planned for German-Russian Heritage Week by celebrating the legacy of the Manifesto through music, arts, culinary and educational experiences; and

WHEREAS, German-Russian Heritage Week symbolizes the shared rich agricultural heritage of the German-Russian community and relationships with Colorado State University, the Western Sugar Company (formerly the Great Western Sugar Company) and ongoing relationships with Russian Universities and German –Russian communities in North and South America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of July 7–14, 2013 as

GERMAN-RUSSIAN HERITAGE WEEK

in Fort Collins and encourage the citizens of Fort Collins to participate in the festivities planned in the community and for the convention of the American Heritage Society of Germans from Russia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of July, A.D. 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk