



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we, as citizens of this community, recognize the worldwide problem of violence against women occurs even here in Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, gender violence is traumatic to the body, mind, and spirit and can prevent people from being fully active participants at home and in the world; and

WHEREAS, gender violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, in spite of some progress, we need only to look at our newspapers or watch a television newscast to see the unfortunate truth that gender violence has not yet been eliminated here or around the world; and

WHEREAS, we support efforts of individuals and organizations to raise awareness, stimulate discussion, and advocate for local solutions that will curb gender violence; and

WHEREAS, the right of women and men to be free of violence is a fundamental human right.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim November 25-December 10 as

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

and urge citizens to support work to end gender violence and to eliminate the detrimental consequences gender violence has on the well-being of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 19th day of November, A.D. 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk