



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations on December 10, 1948; and

WHEREAS, it was the first time a document declaring human rights and fundamental freedoms was adopted by an international organization, and it continues to have universal value in defending and advancing people's rights; and

WHEREAS, America's commitment to individual freedom and democracy provides the foundation for our society and the Bill of Rights serves to guide our people and our government to ensure basic human rights and liberties; and

WHEREAS, as a community, we are committed to upholding these principles and making Fort Collins a place where all citizens have the opportunity to voice their opinions, practice their faith, and enjoy the blessings of freedom; and

WHEREAS, our nation and our community find encouragement in rallying together to defend human rights. By working together to advance the rights of all people, we help to build mutual trust and harmony for all individuals in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2013 as

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

in the city of Fort Collins and hereby encourage all residents, businesses, and institutions to recognize International Human Rights Day 2013 by observing our nation's Bill of Rights and pledging to uphold the universal principles of liberty and justice that define our dreams and shape our hopes as we face the challenges of a new era.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk