



## 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, "Fair Housing is Your Right, Use It!", celebrates the 46th 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 the Fort Collins Housing Authority in recognition of its leadership and dedication to promoting housing opportunity through the provision of affordable housing and supportive services to over 5,000 Fort Collins residents annually, and for its commitment to creating vibrant sustainable communities throughout Fort Collins.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby decree that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination, and I declare April 2015 as

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of April, A.D. 2015.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk