



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all children, regardless of their gender, race, religion, culture, socioeconomic status or other demographics, are equally valuable assets in our community and a highest priority for our future; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins community recognizes that the future success of any community is largely reliant on the positive development and education of its children and that the children of today will be the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins and organizations like Poudre River Public Library District and the Early Childhood Advisory Council are working to provide and improve access to essential resources, programs, and services for young children and their families that positively affect their care, learning, and development; and

WHEREAS, Poudre River Public Library District and the Early Childhood Advisory Council support community collaboration to create safe and healthy environments necessary for all children to thrive and succeed; and

WHEREAS, Poudre River Public Library District provides children and their families early literacy programs, diverse materials, and culturally authentic activities like El Día de los Niños/the Day of the Child, which builds a foundation for children's future success and helps them develop understanding and respect for other people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds in Fort Collins.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2017, as

CHILDREN'S DAY

to recognize children of all cultures and backgrounds as one of our community's most valuable assets and the leaders of tomorrow. This day symbolically serves to encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood development and learning in Fort Collins by giving hope, love, nurture, and commitment to all children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 21st day of March, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk