



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect affects men, women, and children of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, child abuse and neglect also has associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders, self-harm, and suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement from every member of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse and neglect prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community and governments. We can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent child abuse and neglect, support victim/survivors and their family members, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing child abuse and neglect. Preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of everyone, "if you see something, say something."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare the month of April 2017 as

### **CHILD ABUSE AND AWARENESS MONTH**

in the city of Fort Collins.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of April, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk