



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week before Thanksgiving is recognized across the country as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and will be observed in Fort Collins to bring more awareness of these nationally recognized humanitarian issues to the attention of the Fort Collins community; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger and homelessness in every part of our city and to provide additional resources that citizens of Fort Collins need; and

WHEREAS, organizations like Catholic Charities Northern, Colorado State University, Fort Collins Rescue Mission, Faith Family Hospitality, Homeless Gear, Homeward 2020, Neighbor to Neighbor, Outreach Fort Collins, Salvation Army, the Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope, the Food Bank for Larimer County and SummitStone Health Partners are working together to lower the homelessness and food insecurity rate in Fort Collins and lessen the impact of these issues on both those experiencing them and those who are indirectly affected; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins and local organizations acknowledge there are many different reasons people are homeless such as economic issues, struggles with mental health and addiction, and sudden rent hikes, that can make it difficult to secure stable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank for Larimer County distributed food for more than 7.72 million meals in 2017 through its network of food pantries, partner agencies, Kids Cafe sites, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank for Larimer County, in coordination with local agency partners, will host events throughout the month of November to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-19, 2017 as

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of November, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk