



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins' history of natural areas conservation began in the 1970s, which set a strong foundation for future conservation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, exactly twenty-five years ago today, Fort Collins' legacy of natural areas conservation entered a new era with the passage of a sales tax ballot measure funding land conservation and establishing the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program; and

**WHEREAS**, voters' support of five other sales tax ballot measures since 1992 has resulted in the conservation of over 43,000 acres at 49 natural areas, with 126 miles of trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Natural Areas Department is to conserve and enhance lands with natural resource, agricultural, and scenic values, while providing meaningful education and appropriate recreation opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natural Areas Department has been recognized for its many successes and innovations including restoration of the Poudre River corridor, reintroduction of endangered black-footed ferrets and bison to Soapstone Prairie Natural Area, its large volunteer program, its outstanding facilities, and many other accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, a celebration is planned to mark Natural Areas 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary that will highlight natural area successes, show appreciation to those who champion Natural Areas funding, recognize Boardmembers past and present, bring awareness to the importance of natural areas, show gratitude to volunteers, and encourage residents to practice stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins seeks to celebrate with its residents the many ways that natural areas make this a world-class community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2017 as the

### **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF NATURAL AREAS**

in Fort Collins to celebrate the environmental, economic, and community value of natural areas to the City of Fort Collins and its residents.

**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.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk