



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples: and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, many Native American cultural groups lived in the mountains and plains of the Fort Collins area, sharing with us today deeply rooted cultures in the land upon which we live; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned.

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

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS MONTH

in the city of Fort Collins and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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