



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Zonta Club of Fort Collins, along with citizens of our community, recognizes the worldwide problem of violence against women occurs even here in Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, gender violence is traumatic to the body, mind, and spirit and can prevent people from being fully active participants at home and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, gender violence costs the US billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, despite progress, we need only read newspapers, watch a television newscast, or view social media to see the unfortunate truth that gender violence has not yet been eliminated here or around the world; and

WHEREAS, we support efforts of individuals and organizations to raise awareness, stimulate discussion, and advocate for local solutions that will curb gender violence; and

WHEREAS, the right of women and men to be free of violence is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, Zonta Club of Fort Collins collaborates with other non-profits in Fort Collins to bring about awareness and advocate to eliminate violence against the person.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim November 25-December 10 as

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

and urge citizens to join with the Zonta Club of Fort Collins in supporting efforts to end gender violence and to eliminate the detrimental consequences gender violence has on the well-being of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk