



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, well-known and highly-respected local land use attorney Lucia Liley retired from her 45-year career on December 31, 2020. Lucia was born and raised in Fort Collins, earned a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and her law degree from the University of Colorado. She raised her three children: Jeremy, Josh and Megan, in Fort Collins and now enjoys spending time with her nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Lucia began her career as a Fort Collins Assistant City Attorney in 1976 and was subsequently promoted as the City's first full-time and female City Attorney in 1978. Lucia eventually moved into private practice where she built a professional reputation as always being fair and loyal, not only to her clients, but also to the community; and

WHEREAS, her tenure in the City Attorney's office was during a time of major transformation when she was an integral part of the creation of the Downtown Development Authority and Old Town Square. She is a past chair of the Board of the DDA and eventually was appointed legal counsel. As stated by former DDA executive director, Lucia was the 'silver thread that knit it together' to form downtown Fort Collins as we know it; and

WHEREAS, Lucia became the attorney to have in their court when dealing with large developments or complicated land use issues. She is known to not only represent but educate her clients and chose clients with a high level of integrity and projects that would be a positive addition to Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Lucia represented and volunteered with many local non-profit organizations including Larimer Humane Society, Arc Thriftstores, Habitat for Humanity, Faith Family Hospitality, Housing Catalyst and Food Bank for Larimer County. When the Larimer Humane Society needed a larger facility, they turned to Lucia for advice. The organization now resides in new facilities paid for through a countywide ballot measure in which Lucia was integrally involved; and

WHEREAS, her career has always been solution-oriented and she had a knack for seeing many different options. Lucia was known for collaboration and it was generally accepted that all sides would be satisfied with the outcome if she was involved. Ultimately, she always had the best interests of the community at heart.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim and declare January 5, 2021, as

LUCIA LILEY DAY

in celebration of her countless contributions to Fort Collins and Northern Colorado that will be experienced by many generations to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 5th day of January, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk