



Mayor

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Meekness is a critical personal quality needed for lasting success; and

WHEREAS, we desire to build upon our heritage and make Fort Collins a place where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbors care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the health of this community depends upon all of our citizens being able to endure in their activities and their associations; and

WHEREAS, the tranquillity and orderly operation and development of our City demand that we implement the key concepts of Meekness: responding to emotions rather than being controlled by them; identifying and clarifying our feelings, rather than reacting impulsively and negatively; responding constructively to unpleasant and stressful conditions; balancing our rights with our responsibilities; facing conflict with calmness; avoiding unreasonable reactions by clarifying the issues and gaining a broader perspective; and proceeding gracefully and gratefully in our interactions with others; and

WHEREAS, by following these suggestions, we as citizens individually and collectively can improve the quality of our products and the efficiency of our services, can focus our efforts on achieving our goals, can provide our community with an improving competitive edge, and can find new avenues for enriching our lives - as we move boldly yet patiently into our developing future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the character trait of

### MEEKNESS

**“Balancing personal responsibilities and rights by harnessing emotions and responding constructively when faced with difficult and divisive conditions.”**

as the COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER focus for the month of August, 2006, in the City of Fort Collins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of August, A.D. 2006.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk