



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, which guarantees fair housing for all residents of the United States, was signed into law in April 1968; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Fair Housing Month and a time to reflect on and reaffirm our national commitment to the ideal that fair housing opportunity is available to everyone in the United States without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status and disability; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Fair Housing is Your Right, Use It!", celebrates the 46th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and reflects that our current efforts are helping to foster sustainable, inclusive communities of opportunity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado passed its own Fair Housing Act in 1959, and provided additional fair housing protections for creed, ancestry, sexual orientation, and marital status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins City Code prohibits discriminatory housing practices; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge our many community partners who are committed to addressing barriers to fair housing choice and educating all citizens concerning their rights regarding equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, this year, the community partners are represented by Homeward2020, a collaborative effort between leadership in all sectors of our community to end homelessness by the year 2020 through an evidence-based, metric-driven approach.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby decree that every person should live free from the fear of housing discrimination, and I declare April 2014 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of April, A.D. 2014.

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk



Karen Weitkunat
Mayor