



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a safe community requires open communication, diverse perspectives, and a foundation built on trust; and

WHEREAS, the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery are part of a long history of violence perpetrated against black individuals in this country, including by law enforcement officials who dishonored their oath to protect all people; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the role local government has played in contributing to systemic racism and the responsibility of local government to partner with others to dismantle it; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people locally and nationally are protesting the patterns of systemic and institutional racism that are all too often a matter of life and death for black and indigenous people and other people of color; and

WHEREAS, that national attention is focusing on this issue against the backdrop of a global pandemic that is disproportionately affecting people of color, especially black lives, in terms of infection rates, fatalities, unemployment, housing stability, and more; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution ensures the right of peaceful assembly, and forms of protest have served as powerful calls to action and have effected meaningful change throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins and Fort Collins Police Services share the desire for an end to police brutality, to foster a police culture invested in trust and accountability, and to create an equitable, inclusive community where people of color feel safe; and

WHEREAS, everyone who lives in Fort Collins deserves a police department that is caring, professional and that listens and responds to the needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, every community member has the opportunity and responsibility to listen to, learn from, and act in support of those in our community who are most impacted by racial inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the City's commitment to institutionalizing equity, inclusion and justice in the City of Fort Collins and encourage our community to work with us and each other to improve racial equity in Fort Collins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of June, A.D. 2020.

ATTEST:


City Clerk




Mayor