



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, energy efficiency continues to be economical and the most beneficial way to meet the goals outlined in the Our Climate Future Plan to reduce utility bills for residential, business and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency helps make homes and workspaces in Fort Collins more healthy, safe and comfortable during everyday situations and disruptive climate events like wildfires and floods; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Fort Collins Utilities and Platte River Power Authority's efficiency programs and strategies saved more than 22,838 megawatt-hours of energy and reduced carbon emissions by 16,138 tons; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins Utilities provides efficiency programs and services specifically for income-qualified customers. Over 700 homes in Fort Collins received energy upgrades last year in conjunction with Fort Collins Utilities' Epic Homes program; and

WHEREAS, local efficiency and renewable programs generate more than \$44.0 million annually in local economic benefits through reduced utility bills, direct rebates and leveraged investment. Efficiency Works facilitated more than 270 upgrade projects with Fort Collins businesses that will save over \$1.1 million per year in operating costs, including nearly \$100,000 in operating costs saved for businesses that serve the income qualified community; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is committed to the energy performance in new buildings by rapid adoption of current International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), ensuring compliance to code and by promoting above-code standards using education and incentive-based approaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023, as

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

in Fort Collins and encourage citizens to join us in supporting Our Climate Future goals and moving toward increased energy efficiencies now and in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of October, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk