

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2024,

AS

“NATIONAL CO-RESPONDERS AND CRISIS RESPONDERS WEEK”

IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the City of Longmont is committed to providing support for those facing behavioral health issues in our community, where ‘behavioral health’ describes emotions and behaviors that affect an individual’s overall well-being including mental health disorders and substance use; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that more than one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that over 100,000 overdose deaths occur annually as widespread opioid use continues across the nation, and in our community; and

WHEREAS, the many issues created by mental illness, substance abuse, and addiction are community problems, not limited to law enforcement, fire services and emergency medical staff, and the City of Longmont has recognized the need to address these crisis issues through an evidence-based program called Co-Response; and

WHEREAS, the Longmont Department of Public Safety’s Co-Response team (C.O.R.E.) is a specially trained unit comprised of police officers, behavioral health clinicians, and paramedics who assist individuals with behavioral health and substance use conditions, diverting them from the criminal justice system and emergency rooms, and redirecting them to appropriate treatment destinations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longmont C.O.R.E. team responds to more than 2,800 mental health crisis calls per year and engages in over 5,000 contacts with our community members annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan Peck, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of the City of Longmont, do hereby proclaim the week of September 15 - 21, 2024, as “National Co-Responders and Crisis Responders Week” in Longmont and recognize, honor and give thanks to the professionals for their daily service to assist those in need.



MAYOR:

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ATTEST
CITY CLERK:

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