

# PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
AUGUST 2020,  
AS  
“EL COMITÉ DE LONGMONT MONTH”  
IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

- WHEREAS, August 14 2020, marks the 40-year anniversary of a tragic event involving two Latino teens and the Longmont Police that inspired the creation of El Comité de Longmont; and
- WHEREAS, Latino community leaders, Victor L. Vela and Marta Moreno, founded El Comité de Longmont on November 26, 1980, and began work with the Department of Justice to advocate for the rights of Latinos and improve community relations with local law enforcement and the community at large; and
- WHEREAS, El Comité de Longmont is dedicated to working with diverse populations to overcome challenging social issues like immigration, homelessness, and unemployment; and
- WHEREAS, El Comité de Longmont is a community bridge builder that promotes and expands self-sufficiency for hundreds of Longmont community members; and
- WHEREAS, Marta Moreno recently retired from her position as Executive Director of El Comité De Longmont after four decades of service; and
- WHEREAS, In his late seventies, Victor L. Vela, a U.S. Army veteran, and co-founder of El Comité de Longmont, continues to act as a fierce advocate for Latinos in Longmont,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Brian J. Bagley, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of the City of Longmont, do hereby proclaim August 2020 as “El Comité de Longmont Month” in Longmont, and I encourage all residents of this great city to congratulate and recognize the incredible work and contributions to the community by El Comité de Longmont to promote and advocate for social justice and racial equality for the past 40 years.

MAYOR:



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