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Whereas, the Congress of the United States recognizes the fourth week of February as National Entrepreneurship Week, and

Whereas, entrepreneurs are vital to the economic success of Longmont, and

Whereas, entrepreneurs and small businesses have represented 66% of business growth in the United States since 1970, and

Whereas, Longmont desires to be a community that welcomes, embraces and supports entrepreneurs, and

Whereas, dozens of volunteers and organizations in Longmont contribute to the economic vitality of the community through tireless efforts to create successful startup communities in Longmont, and

Whereas, organizations and events that have contributed significantly to building the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Longmont include: the TinkerMill, Startup Longmont, Launch Longmont, Longmont EDP, the Brown Bag Lunch Series, Longmont Startup Week, Startup Conversations, Open Coffee Meetup, New Tech Meetup and many more, and

Whereas, the City of Longmont wishes to recognize these events, organizations and individuals within them who have helped build the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Longmont and express our gratitude for their hard work to provide a culture of entrepreneurship in Longmont, including, but not limited to: the TinkerMill, Startup Longmont, Launch Longmont, Longmont Economic Development Partnership, Community Foundation, Longmont Compass and the Latino Chamber.

(then call out these individuals as you present organizations their plaques? Jose Beteta, Kurt Brewer, Clint Bickmore, Scott Converse, Shelley Coldiron, Dixon Dick, Jessica Erickson, Steve Elliot, Victoria Evangelista, Rolf Evenson, Jennifer Ferguson, Roma G. French, Terry Gold, Eric Hozempa, Janine Ledingham, David McCurley, Karl Niemann, Jon Rice, Mike Schnatzmeyer, and Ron Thomas, and)

Therefore, I, Mayor Coombs, hereby declare February 20-27 as Entrepreneurship Week in Longmont, and encourage all our citizens to recognize the efforts of those individuals and organizations working in Longmont's startup communities.

