## PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2, 2021, AS "LONGMONT DAY" IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

- WHEREAS, on February 2, 1871, the incorporation papers for the Chicago-Colorado Colony were filed in Denver, and that Colony founded the town of Longmont in the spring of 1871; and
- WHEREAS, Longmont is part of a millennia-long history of people living in this region, with Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Ute tribes all having strong and enduring ties to the place we now call Longmont; and
- WHEREAS, Longmont began as a small agricultural community and grew as industries such as flour milling, vegetable canning, and sugar manufacturing prospered; and
- WHEREAS, forward-thinking early residents established an enduring legacy and ensured future success by creating their own electric utility and securing extensive water rights, demonstrating a pioneering spirit that lives on in Longmont's trailblazing NextLight gigabit broadband network; and
- WHEREAS, the community transformed in the years after World War II with the arrival of high technology employers and many new residents; and
- WHEREAS, Longmont has faced many challenges, including fire, flood, discrimination, economic hardship, and pandemic disease, and its people have overcome those challenges, building a stronger, more resilient community, affirmed by Longmont twice being recognized as an All-America City; and
- WHEREAS, over its 150-year history, Longmont has grown into a city of almost 100,000 residents who work together to sustain a caring, inclusive community, proud to embrace, support, respect and celebrate each other,

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 February 2, 2021, as "Longmont Day" and 2021 a year of celebration of Longmont's sesquicentennial.

MAYOR: DIA CITY CLERK: