## **PROCLAMATION**

## A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS "STROKE AWARENESS MONTH" IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

WHEREAS, stroke is an emergency, and a brain attack can happen to anyone at any time regardless of race, gender or age; and

WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing nearly 133,000 each year; and

WHEREAS, recognizing symptoms of stroke and acting immediately to get medical attention can save a life and limit disabilities as new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes when administered quickly; and

WHEREAS, the B.E.F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke include sudden trouble walking, loss of balance or coordination, difficulty seeing in one or both eyes, face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty and time to call 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, during American Stroke Month in May, and year-round, Longmont's emergency medicine providers are committed to improving treatment of stroke through innovative processes,

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 May 2019 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Longmont, and urge all the citizens of Longmont to familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke, the B.E.F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms to dial 9-1-1 immediately on first signs of a stroke.

MAYOR:

ATTEST CITY CLERK: