PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 5, 2021,

AS

"NINO GALLO DAY" IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

- WHEREAS, Nino Gallo served Longmont and the Boulder County community for 25 years and will be remembered for making those who crossed his path feel welcomed, included, and cared for and for his work with community programs, agencies and local governments serving people with low incomes, immigrants, and vulnerable, at-risk community members; and
- WHEREAS, Nino began his work supporting immigrant farm workers and families as a housing manager for Casa Vista and Casa de la Esperanza, both located in Longmont, and continued his immigrant work with Community Action Programs in 2000 by creating the Immigrant Advocacy, Latino Parent Leadership, and Know Your Rights Campaign; and
- WHEREAS, Nino created the Personal Individual Enterprise (PIE) program after attending a national Individual Development Account conference and partnering with the then-named Foothills United Way to support education, small business and home ownership goals with matched savings accounts to which the City has annually contributed funding to benefit Longmont residents; and
- WHEREAS, Nino was a founding partner of the Immigrant Integration Program that provided coordination of immigrant services and advocacy with El Comité de Longmont and other partner agencies; and
- WHEREAS, Nino was involved in multiple community initiatives including the Longmont Housing Opportunities Team, Latino Task Force and Latino Chamber; and
- WHEREAS, Nino was a member of the Longmont delegation that brought home Longmont's first All-America City award in 2006; and
- WHEREAS, Nino mentored generations that would follow him by modeling good character, compassion, and optimism, and leading with authenticity, kindness and a love for humanity,

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 recognize January 5, 2021, (Nino's birthday) as "Nino Gallo Day" in Longmont and encourage friends, and residents of Longmont to engage in appropriate celebrations and reflections of Nino's life and legacy.

MAYOR

ATTEST CITY CLERK: