



PROCLAMATION DECLARING PLASTIC FREE JULY



This proclamation declares July 2022 to be Plastic Free July in the City of Lafayette, Colorado to encourage residents to reduce plastic consumption by choosing reusable alternatives to single-use plastics, make purchases meaningful by seeking products packaged without plastic, source food and products locally where possible, and learn about what resources exist in Boulder County existing for recycling, compost, and individual waste reduction.

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette strives to be a leader in sustainability and approved the Sustainability Plan in 2021 that identifies a goal of developing tactics to reduce single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette has set goals to conserve resources, minimize waste, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution, and protect the welfare of our residents and wildlife, all of which contribute to the quality of life in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, plastic produces significant pollution in our open space, waterways, trails, and poses human health risks at all stages of plastic manufacturing, from production to disposal; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2050 scientists estimate that there will be more plastics in our oceans by weight than that of all fish and plastic products that enter Lafayette or Colorado waterways eventually drain into the ocean; and

WHEREAS, plastic pollution is causing a public health crisis through the ubiquitous presence of microplastics in the water cycle (including alpine snowfall in the Rocky Mountains), human bodies, and soils ; and

WHEREAS, Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic waste by providing resources and ideas to help you reduce single-use plastic waste at home, school, and work; and

WHEREAS, individuals choosing to implement small changes will create large impacts that only better our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lafayette gladly supports the ongoing work of our Sustainability Division and the Waste Reduction Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, do hereby declare July 2022, to be plastic free. We encourage all residents, visitors, and staff to support and recognize the need to decrease single-use plastic waste in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

ATTEST:

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