

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017,
AS
“ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH”
IN LONGMONT, COLORADO

WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources to reducing chronic absenteeism, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence - missing just two days of school a month for any reason - is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, which weakens our communities and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, the impact of chronic absence hits low-income students and children of color particularly hard if they don't have the resources to make up for lost class time and are more likely to face systemic barriers to getting to school; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, families and communities work together to reach out to students, promote good attendance, and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis L. Coombs, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of the City of Longmont, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2017, as “Attendance Awareness Month” in Longmont, and I invite all citizens in the community to celebrate education for our future leaders.

MAYOR:

*ATTEST
CITY CLERK:*