



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in October 1981, the American Humane Association founded Adopt a Dog Month in response to the growing number of dogs and puppies entering shelters every year; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an estimated 3.3 million dogs enter animal shelters nationwide each year. Of those, approximately 1.6 million shelter dogs are adopted and 670,000 dogs are euthanized annually; and

WHEREAS, every year, shelters and animal welfare organizations from across the country observe October as an important month for increasing their efforts to match lovable dogs with loving owners; and

WHEREAS, this October, we celebrate our rescued canine counterparts and encourage our friends to open their hearts and homes to a dog in need. Adopting a dog from an animal shelter saves a life, breaks the cycle of pet overpopulation, and provides the many benefits that come from having a four-legged family member; and

WHEREAS, among the factors that impact how long a dog stays sheltered is the preference for puppies, small dogs, long coated dogs, and specific breeds. The reality is that all dogs, regardless of size, age, or breed, are individuals with their own unique personalities, needs, and ideal homes; and

WHEREAS, adopting a furry family member is not the only way to be involved this October. Foster caregivers also play an important part by providing dogs lots of love and time to experience living in a home, and by making connections for potential adoptions during the journey to find a forever home; and

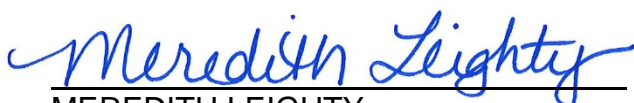
WHEREAS, Northglenn is committed to the well-being of all members of our community. Through the Adams County Animal Shelter, its animal welfare partners, and the many residents who adopt and foster animals each year, the lives of countless companion animals and their human counterparts are greatly improved.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to consider welcoming a furry friend into their homes and families.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 12th day of October 2020.



MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

