



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence is widespread. In the United States, an average of 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute, which equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually; and

**WHEREAS,** one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS,** despite tremendous progress, an average of three women in America die as a result of domestic violence each day. One in four women and one in nine men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS,** families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation; and

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS,** only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

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

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Northglenn and urge the residents of Northglenn to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

  
MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

