



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, established what would later become Black History Month. He believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice, and his efforts led more Americans to appreciate and celebrate the contributions of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration founded by Woodson was expanded to a month in 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford, who urged Americans to seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history; and

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the extraordinary achievements and contributions made by African Americans to the social, artistic, cultural, political, economic, spiritual, and national advancement in the United States and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, today, African Americans continue to make gains as entrepreneurs, in public service and across professional fields, while challenging structural and systemic barriers put in place to hinder their success; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year's observance is, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity," and explores the wide-ranging diversity of Black family life – from single to two-parent households to nuclear, extended, and bi-racial; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northglenn continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all residents – past, present and future – are valued, respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northglenn celebrates diversity, is committed to advancing racial justice and equity, and is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans today, tomorrow, and every day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and ask all community members, public officials, and educators to discover, teach, appreciate, and commemorate the history of African Americans during this month of celebration and beyond.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

  
MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

