



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** developmental disabilities affect millions of individuals; recent estimates in the United States show that about one in six children between the ages of 3 and 17 have one or more developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** intellectual and developmental disabilities should not keep individuals from realizing their full potential in school, at work, or at home as members of their families and their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the month of March has been designated as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase public awareness about the needs and potential of Americans with developmental disabilities, and focuses on the importance of inclusion and living life side-by-side; and
- WHEREAS,** family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn thanks our community organizations, human services providers, families, caregivers, teachers, and advocates who continue to emphasize the moral imperative of engaging people with disabilities, and recognizes the continuing need to educate all that the movement towards full inclusion in community life for people with disabilities is a positive and worthy goal; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn values all individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and believes it is important to include people of all abilities in every aspect of community life.

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

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and urge all residents to come together to raise awareness about how classrooms, workplaces, houses of worship, and communities are stronger when they include people of all abilities.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 8th day of March 2021.


MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

