



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1961, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week, and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous household items such as prescription medicines, cleaning products, pesticides, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, 87 people die every day from unintentional poisoning and each year, the nation's poison control centers answer more than 2.6 million calls; and

WHEREAS, 93% of poisonings occur in people's homes and 45% of poison exposures involve children under the age of 6; and

WHEREAS, most poisoning incidents revolve around highly toxic household items such as cleaning products and medicine and it is important to take preventative measures to make sure children are safe; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to protect our pets from ingesting poison and learn the poisoning symptoms that indicate they require attention; and

WHEREAS, medical science is constantly learning more about poisons and National Poison Prevention Week is the perfect time to brush up not only on the standard facts, but to identify any new information that has been discovered to better guard against poisonings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 14th through 20th, 2021 as

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Northglenn and urge everyone in the community to commit to educating ourselves on poison prevention, checking all potentially dangerous household products, and ensuring the safety of ourselves, our families, and our community.

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


MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

