



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies and nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS,** research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no cure for food allergy, and symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis which is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- WHEREAS,** reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic, and it is important to increase public awareness about food allergies by educating schools, restaurants, and residents on the serious and potentially life-threatening nature of food allergies; and
- WHEREAS,** every three minutes, a severe food allergy reaction sends someone to an emergency room in the U.S., and the decade between 2007 and 2016 saw a 377% increase in serious allergic reactions to food requiring medical care; and
- WHEREAS,** FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9th through 15th, 2021 as:

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Northglenn, and encourage all residents to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 10th day of May 2021.


MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

