

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Pride Month celebrations include people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit, Pansexual, Genderfluid, Nonbinary, as well as heterosexual and cisqender allies; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years, members of the LGBTQ+ community in the United States and around the world still face an unacceptable level of discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, we must acknowledge that the LGBTQ+ community has faced and continues to face discrimination including restricted rights, social stigma, challenges accessing healthcare and other basic social services, and startling rates of violence; and

we must stand together against those who threaten the safety of LGBTQ+ people and affirm that members of the LGBTQ+ community deserve more than civil rights. They deserve to be fully welcomed, to be safe, and to live in our community without the threat of discrimination or harassment; and

WHEREAS, Pride is a time to recall the trials the LGBTQ+ community has endured, and continues to endure, and recognize the resilience, determination, and accomplishments of individuals who have made influential and lasting contributions in support of LGBTQ+ rights; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Northglenn's LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights; and

whereas, the City of Northglenn proudly reaffirms its commitment to protecting and respecting the rights of every resident, business owner, worker, student, and visitor who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community by hosting Pride events and flying the rainbow flag at City Hall during the month of June.

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

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to celebrate our proud and diverse community and reflect on the ways we can all live and work together with a commitment to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 14th day of June 2021.

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