



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn recognizes with respect and admiration the contributions of Odell Barry to our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Odell Barry was sworn into office in January of 1972 and served eight years as a Council member representing the residents of Ward 2. On November 6, 1979, the residents of Northglenn voted to elect Odell to serve as Mayor, making him the first African American mayor in the City of Northglenn and the first Black mayor of a major city in the state of Colorado; and
- WHEREAS,** his election to office served as an example for others that people of all backgrounds can pursue their dreams and goals. A new era began and his willingness to lead opened doors for other Black elected officials in the state. Odell was later honored by the African American Legacy Project for his major accomplishments in the business, sports, and political worlds; and
- WHEREAS,** many will remember Odell's time as a Denver Bronco. Today, we remember Odell for using his celebrity and success as a vehicle to serve others; and
- WHEREAS,** Odell carried out his responsibilities as a public servant with openness, loyalty, and dedication for which he will be remembered as he sought continuously to make Northglenn a better place for all; and
- WHEREAS,** his true legacy lies in the profound effect he had on the countless youth he mentored, coached, and encouraged through his summer football camps. He was particularly committed to improving recreational opportunities for young people and his inspiration and guidance will continue to benefit the community for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** his political and business acumen was equaled by his humanitarianism and our community is better because of Odell's vision, drive, and generosity; and
- WHEREAS,** Odell Barry will be missed by all those whose lives he touched and inspired during his distinguished and exemplary life.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado do hereby proclaim that the Northglenn City Council respectfully honors the life and memory of former Mayor Odell Barry and expresses our sincere sympathy and condolences to the entire Barry family during this time of great personal loss.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that we hereby express on behalf of the residents of Northglenn and the greater community deep appreciation and gratitude for the gifts of time, ability, and commitment given by Odell Barry in carrying out his public duties.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

  
MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

