



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS,** in the United States, more than 10 million adults experience domestic violence annually, and 1 in 4 dating teens is abused or harassed online through texts by their intimate partners; and

**WHEREAS,** on a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over 19,000 calls; and

**WHEREAS,** victims of intimate partner violence lose nearly 8 million days of paid work each year, and domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS,** racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality, or other factors perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and urge residents to work together to raise awareness and end domestic violence.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

