



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** October has been designated as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month – an observance to highlight the vital role of substance abuse prevention in both individual and community health and to remember those who have lost their lives to substance abuse. It is also a time to acknowledge those in recovery as well as the family members, friends, and professionals supporting them; and
- WHEREAS,** millions of Americans suffer from substance abuse, which includes underage drinking, alcohol dependency, non-medical use of prescription drugs, abuse of over-the-counter medications, and illicit drug use; and
- WHEREAS,** last year, a record 107,000 Americans died of drug overdoses and more than a thousand of those who died were teenagers who had their whole lives ahead of them; and
- WHEREAS,** prevention is essential to reduce the chance of developing a substance use disorder later in life. Prevention strategies targeting the root of the problem are essential to curb drug use and help people lead healthier lives. Through community-based efforts involving youth, parents, educators, and government officers, we can strengthen the support systems that deter our young people from misusing or abusing substances; and
- WHEREAS,** we are grateful for the efforts of organizations who provide substance abuse prevention programs, law enforcement agencies and school districts who are prepared to respond to overdoses, and community members who work to lessen the stigma surrounding substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that each of us learn to recognize the risk and protective factors that influence a person’s likelihood of misusing substances in an effort to prevent substance abuse, reduce overdoses, and prioritize the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jenny Willford, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and urge everyone – parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, teachers, coworkers, and community members to reach out to the people in their lives to share information, promote healthy lifestyles, and offer support for prevention and recovery from substance abuse.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 24th day of October 2022.

JENNY WILLFORD
Mayor Pro Tem

