



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month celebrates the accomplishments of the native people who were the original inhabitants, explorers, stewards, and settlers of land in the United States and recognizes the more than 100,000 people who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native alone or in combination with one or more races currently living in Colorado; and
- WHEREAS,** before the arrival of Spaniards in Colorado, the area's vibrant and complex culture and population were made up by a number of Native tribes, and we acknowledge that the land currently known as Colorado has been the traditional homelands of Indigenous peoples since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** descendants of the Cheyenne, Lakota, Kiowa, Navajo, and at least 200 tribal nations live in the Denver Metro Area and are an integral part of the state's social and economic life; and
- WHEREAS,** despite centuries of discrimination and unjust Federal policies of assimilation, Native American people have persevered and continue to contribute to all areas of life including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and
- WHEREAS,** this observance is an important time to honor Native American triumphs and also acknowledge current issues affecting the Native American community such as a lack of resources leading to poverty and unemployment, exploitation of natural resources on native lands, education, healthcare, erasure and cultural exploitation, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn is committed to equity and inclusion, and it is important to recognize the diverse cultures of our residents, staff, and community members who identify as Native American, Alaska Native, American Indian, Indigenous, First Nation, or First People; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize and celebrate that tribal culture is rich and thriving, successfully connecting the past with future generations through lifeways education, increasing knowledge and use of native languages, and renewing connections to ancestral homelands.

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

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to learn about Native American issues, hear Native voices, and celebrate the Native and Indigenous cultures and people in Northglenn, the State of Colorado, and beyond.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 14th day of November 2022.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

