



Northglenn  
**WHEREAS,**

## PROCLAMATION

Transgender Awareness Month is a time to celebrate and elevate the voices and experiences of the transgender and gender non-conforming community through education, advocacy, and action; and

**WHEREAS,** during this month, we also recognize Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20<sup>th</sup>, a day in which transgender people and allies across the globe come together to honor the lives lost to anti-transgender violence; and

**WHEREAS,** these efforts are more important than ever as we see our children growing up in a world where equality for all is not yet guaranteed – where transgender students are targeted for mistreatment, where transgender workers routinely face discrimination, and where at least 32 transgender people – mostly women of color – have been killed this year alone from anti-transgender violence; and

**WHEREAS,** over 1.6 million adults (ages 18 and older) and youth (ages 13 to 17) identify as transgender in the United States, with an estimated 31,200 people who identify as transgender living in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS,** transgender people have existed across cultures throughout history. Transgender people are our friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers, deserving of dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive; and

**WHEREAS,** research shows that transgender youth whose families support their gender identity have a 52% decrease in suicidal thoughts, a 48% decrease in suicide attempts, and significant increases in self-esteem and general health; and

**WHEREAS,** we must continue to raise awareness about our gender-expansive community, learn about what it means to be transgender while stopping harmful stereotypes, and educate ourselves on identity, language, and other issues facing transgender people, whether to support a transgender person in our lives or to help change the world to be better for transgender people overall.

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

## TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage every community member to continue learning and understanding of the lived experiences of the transgender community and to honor the identities and contributions of transgender individuals.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

