



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Northglenn City Council takes pride in recognizing February as Black History Month. The observance recognizes and honors the contributions that generations of Black organizers, thought leaders, educators, artists, and everyday people have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme for 2023, “Black Resistance,” shines a light on the countless ways Black Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially acts of racial terrorism and violence since the nation’s earliest days; and
- WHEREAS,** by resisting racial discrimination and inequality, Black people have helped the United States more fully embody its democratic values, and have achieved success and progress, as seen in the end of chattel slavery, the dismantling of segregation in the South, increased political representation at all levels of government, desegregation of educational institutions, the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and increased representation of Black experiences in the arts and media; and
- WHEREAS,** the Black community established cultural centers, medical clinics, labor unions, media outlets, and financial and educational institutions to resist inequality and to advocate for themselves. Black athletes have used sports as a platform to advocate for social justice, resisting immense pressure against speaking out about political, cultural, or social issues; and
- WHEREAS,** Black resilience, brilliance, innovation, and power can be seen woven throughout our existence, and Black resistance strategies have served as a model for every other social movement in our country; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn is committed to advancing racial justice and equity. We honor Black history and support Black futures as we work to create a more equitable and inclusive community to move closer to the realization of the nation’s full promise for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and urge every person in our community to study the history of Black Americans and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable, and prosperous for all.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 13th day of February 2023.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

