



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the month of May is nationally known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7th, 1843 and also honors the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10th, 1869, which was constructed by the difficult and dangerous work of 20,000 Chinese immigrant workers and pioneers; and
- WHEREAS,** Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month is a celebration of Asians, Southeast Asians, South Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States. APIDA encompasses people from all of the Asian continent, India, and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and
- WHEREAS,** today, there are over 20 million Asian Americans that trace their roots to more than 20 countries, each with their own unique histories, cultures, languages, and norms. While this diverse group is often treated as a monolith, significant and important differences exist and we recognize the vibrant cultures and rich heritage of all; and
- WHEREAS,** despite APIDA people's contributions to this country, we continue to see racism, harassment, anti-Asian sentiment, and hate crimes against these communities and we must recommit to fighting prejudice towards people of all races, cultures, and nationalities by eliminating harmful social attitudes and stereotypes and prioritizing their continued equity and inclusion in society; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn acknowledges the determination, hard work, and perseverance of Asian American people and is proud to honor their significant contributions to all facets of the United States such as the economy, education, government, the arts, law enforcement, military, literature, science, sports, and technology.

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

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and call upon all residents to celebrate the culture, diversity, and resiliency of all Americans with Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 8th day of May 2023.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

