



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** National Fentanyl Awareness Day aims to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl, an odorless, tasteless, and extremely potent synthetic opioid, which continues to drive the overdose epidemic in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** fentanyl is involved in more deaths of Americans under 50 than any other cause of death, including heart disease, cancer, homicide, suicide, and other accidents; and
- WHEREAS,** illicit fentanyl is used to make fake prescription pills disguised as Oxycontin, Percocet, and Xanax, and is also found in common street drugs like cocaine, MDMA, and heroine. Fake pills have been found in all 50 states and fentanyl is often consumed unknowingly by users; and
- WHEREAS,** fentanyl is involved in more American youth deaths than heroine, methamphetamine, cocaine, “benzos,” and prescription drugs combined, and only testing can tell which pills contain a lethal amount of fentanyl, which can be as small as a few grains of sand; and
- WHEREAS,** instead of focusing on stigmatizing drug use, we must take action to emphasize the risks of encountering illicitly manufactured fentanyl, learn the signs of an overdose, and be prepared to respond to overdoses to prevent losing more people to this epidemic; and
- WHEREAS,** opioid use and unintentional overdoses affect all ages and communities, and addressing and preventing non-prescription drug use is a responsibility we all must share.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 9th, 2023 as:

NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Northglenn and urge everyone to learn more about the dangers of fentanyl and share the risks associated with using nonmedical drugs and fake prescription pills with your family, friends, and loved ones to prevent more deaths from occurring.

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

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

