

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS.

the month of June is an opportunity to recognize the impact that members of the LGBTQ+ community have had on history, celebrate all of the identities and progress made by the LGBTQ+ community, and support efforts to provide all LGBTQ+ individuals freedom, liberation, joy, and pride without exception; and

WHEREAS,

we recognize the importance of the Stonewall Inn Uprising in 1969, a key moment in the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement which inspired millions around the world to seek fairness, justice, and equal rights; and

WHEREAS,

for many, Pride represents protest against unjust legislation and cultural stigma affecting the LGBTQ+ community. Pride is also a month to celebrate LGBTQ+ residents, volunteers, and employees who make our organization and community better; and

WHEREAS.

Colorado law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. However, many continue to face significantly higher rates of discrimination in their personal lives, employment, housing, and health care, as well as in the public sphere; and

WHEREAS,

there is an ongoing need to create a safe, welcoming, and affirming space for all where members of the LGBTQ+ community can live openly without fear of judgment, discrimination, or violence; and

WHEREAS,

the City supports policies, practices, and programs that honor and respect the LGBTQ+ community and is proud to host a community Pride event and fly Pride flags at City Hall and the Justice Center during the month of June; and

WHEREAS,

the City of Northglenn recognizes the resilience and accomplishments of LGBTQ+ individuals, and reaffirms its commitment to respecting and protecting the rights of every resident, employee, volunteer, vendor, and visitor who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community.

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

## PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to celebrate our proud and diverse community and reflect on the ways we can all live and work together with a commitment to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 5th day of June 2023.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY Mayor