



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** October has been designated as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month to collectively focus on preventing substance abuse, remember those we have lost to the addiction crisis, congratulate those who have taken steps to recovery, and acknowledge the family members, friends, and professionals supporting them; and

**WHEREAS,** substance use disorders affect people from all walks of life and all age groups. Millions of Americans suffer from substance abuse, which includes underage drinking, alcohol dependency, non-medical use of prescription drugs, abuse of over-the-counter medications, and illicit drug use; and

**WHEREAS,** every day, people are hurt by alcohol and drug use. From diminished achievement in schools to greater risks on our roads and in our communities, to the heartache of lives cut tragically short from overdoses, the consequences of substance use are profound; and

**WHEREAS,** addiction is a treatable medical disorder and recovery from addiction is in reach for anyone. In a society that often stigmatizes addiction, it is imperative that we promote empathy and understanding so that more people get the help they need; and

**WHEREAS,** we are grateful for the efforts of organizations who provide substance abuse prevention programs to reach young people, law enforcement agencies and school districts who are prepared to respond to overdoses, and community members who work to lessen the stigma surrounding substance abuse and support individuals who are struggling with, or in recovery from, substance use disorders.

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

### **NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in the City of Northglenn and urge everyone to learn to recognize the signs of substance use disorders, reach out to the people in their lives to share resources and promote healthy lifestyles to prevent substance abuse, and offer support to all without judgment.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

