



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Northglenn condemns all forms of hateful behavior based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or religion, including antisemitism; and
- WHEREAS,** antisemitism remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society. It seeks to divide Americans and Coloradans from one another, erodes trust in institutions and government, instills fear in our communities, and undermines freedom and democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance has developed the following definition of antisemitism: “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;” and
- WHEREAS,** we are currently witnessing a humanitarian crisis—people are attempting to bury their loved ones as they themselves live in a state of constant fear for their own lives. Outside of the Middle East, we have seen how this violence has given rise to division and acts of hatred and violence directed towards both Jewish and Muslim communities; and
- WHEREAS,** for many, the difficulties of these weeks have felt like the continuation of a seemingly ever-present pain. Thousands of innocent Israeli and Palestinian citizens are suffering and grieving, both overseas and at home. Jewish and Muslim Americans are feeling unsafe in their own skin and the FBI has reported an increase of hateful rhetoric. People everywhere, of every faith and background, need healing, support, understanding, and love. No person, child, or family should ever have to endure this level of fear and violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the conflict in Israel and Gaza is indicative of a worldwide issue that touches upon us locally. We hold out hope for peace and safety to one day become the reality of this region. We must continue to remain forever vigilant against hatred, persecution, and terrorism and will not let the rise in hate incidents that we see online, across the country, and across the world take root here at home; and
- WHEREAS,** an informed and unified community is the best defense against hate. We believe in the fundamental dignity of every human life, and this is a reminder to all listening that the City of Northglenn does not support any form of antisemitism or hateful behavior.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim this

CONDEMNATION OF ANTISEMITISM AND ALL FORMS OF HATE

in the City Northglenn and urge community members to speak up against hateful behavior as soon as it is witnessed so that we may create a more just, peaceful, and inclusive society for everyone.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 23rd day of October 2023.

SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA
Mayor Pro Tem

