



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month celebrates the accomplishments of Indigenous peoples who are the original inhabitants, explorers, stewards, and settlers of land in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado has been the traditional homelands of Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. Forty-eight Tribes have ties to what is now known as the state of Colorado, and there are currently over 200 Tribal Nations represented in American Indian/Alaska Native communities in the Denver Metro Area; and
- WHEREAS,** Native Americans continue to contribute to all aspects of society through their generosity of culture and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and
- WHEREAS,** this observance is an important time to honor Native American triumphs and resiliency, and acknowledge issues still affecting the communities, such as exploitation of natural resources on native lands, systemic poverty and unemployment, substance use, criminal justice inequities, stereotyping, erasure and cultural exploitation, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to honor and respect the unique cultural identity and practices of Native and Indigenous Peoples, which range from traditional to those seeking a connection with their homelands, traditional culture, and unknown relatives due to being removed from their land and forced to assimilate to Western culture; and
- WHEREAS,** our state and country is blessed by the character and strength exemplified by the Native Americans who answer the call of service in our armed forces in greater numbers per capita than any other group in the United States. We honor our Native American veterans and those who are serving in active duty for their bravery and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn is committed to equity and inclusion, and it is important to recognize the diverse cultures of our residents, staff, and community members who identify as Native American, Alaska Native, American Indian, Indigenous, First Nation, or First People. We support Tribal sovereignty and efforts to advance prosperity, dignity, and safety for all Native Peoples.

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

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to learn about Native American issues, hear Native voices, and celebrate Native and Indigenous cultures and people in Northglenn, the State of Colorado, and beyond.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 13th day of November 2023.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

