



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for us all to reflect on and celebrate the significant contributions Black Americans have made to our nation's history, culture, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2024, "African Americans and the Arts," illustrates the extraordinary impact that Black artists, writers, musicians, filmmakers, designers, and other creators have had on the artistic landscape of the United States and the entire world; and

WHEREAS, art has provided a means for historic preservation, community building, and empowerment for Black Americans for generations. Entire genres and cultural movements would not exist without these artistic expressions, including blues, jazz, gospel, hip-hop, soul food, fashion, Afrofuturism, and many more; and

WHEREAS, by highlighting the arts during Black History Month, we acknowledge the achievements of Black creators who have enriched our lives and communities with extraordinary creativity, innovation, and talent; and

WHEREAS, locally, Northglenn Arts is celebrating Black artists in February with performances at the Parsons Theatre by Mary Louise Lee and Robert Johnson, Dasha Kelly Hamilton, and the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for our community to honor the legacy of Black artists, past and present, who have used their platforms to challenge stereotypes, advocate for social justice, and promote unity and understanding through art; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn is committed to advancing racial justice and equity; we seek to promote cultural awareness, inspire dialogue, and build bridges that strengthen the bonds of our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all community members to celebrate this special observance, become more knowledgeable about Black heritage, and draw inspiration from the enduring legacy and contributions of Black Americans.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 12th day of February 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

