



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** mentors support our next generation to shape their ambitions, set a positive course, and achieve their boundless potential; and
- WHEREAS,** mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation, and hope for our children and youth by providing a consistent adult friend and role model; and
- WHEREAS,** mentored children and youth exhibit improved self-esteem, better relationships, and feel greater connectedness to their community and schools; and
- WHEREAS,** on average, 22% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders in our community report that they do not have a caring and trusted adult outside of their home and school; equivalent to 1,350 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students who do not have a caring adult outside of home are almost twice as likely to drink alcohol, 87% more likely to use marijuana, 71% more likely to be truant, and four times as likely to belong to a gang; and
- WHEREAS,** partnerships between businesses, schools and other youth service organizations, and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support children and youth within the community as mentoring is a proven cost-effective investment: for every \$1 invested in mentoring, there is a \$3 return to society; and
- WHEREAS,** mentoring programs that are supported by the entire community are more visible and are therefore able to serve more children and youth; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important for public and private organizations throughout the community to be committed to working collaboratively to increase the number of quality mentoring matches.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Joyce Downing, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim January 2015 as:

### NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and celebrate everyone who teaches, inspires, and guides our children and youth people as they reach for their potential.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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JOYCE DOWNING  
MAYOR

