



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** October has been designated as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, highlighting the importance of preventing substance misuse, raising awareness, supporting recovery, and reducing stigma; and

**WHEREAS,** misuse of alcohol, prescription medications, illicit drugs, and other controlled substances present serious health and safety challenges affecting individuals of all ages and from all backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** the earlier in life a person begins using addictive substances, the greater the risk of dependency. Prevention efforts focused on youth and vulnerable populations are especially critical; and

**WHEREAS,** community-based prevention efforts aimed at education, early intervention, addressing risk factors, strengthening support systems, and promoting resilience can reduce substance misuse, delay initiation, and mitigate harmful outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** we are grateful for the efforts of organizations who provide substance abuse prevention programs, law enforcement agencies, first responders, and school personnel who are prepared to respond quickly to overdoses, and all community members who work to lessen the stigma surrounding substance abuse and lend support to individuals who are struggling with or in recovery from substance abuse.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and urge everyone to learn about the signs of substance use disorders, share valuable resources, promote healthy lifestyles, and offer our support, free of judgment.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

