



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness Month is observed each April to promote understanding, inclusion, and acceptance of individuals with autism spectrum disorder; and
- WHEREAS**, autism is a developmental condition that affects how individuals communicate, interact, and experience the world, and it is estimated that 1 in 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism, highlighting the importance of awareness, early support, and community understanding; and
- WHEREAS**, individuals with autism are valued members of our community who contribute unique perspectives, talents, and strengths that enrich the City of Northglenn; and
- WHEREAS**, we are committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community that supports individuals of all abilities and encourages access, equity, and meaningful participation in community life; and
- WHEREAS**, the City's Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board continues to advance initiatives that promote accessibility and inclusion, including the introduction of sensory backpacks to support individuals who may benefit from sensory tools in public spaces and at community events; and
- WHEREAS**, sensory backpacks provide resources such as noise-reducing headphones, fidget tools, and other supportive items that help create a more inclusive and comfortable environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities and their families; and
- WHEREAS**, through education, outreach, and thoughtful program design, the City of Northglenn strives to reduce barriers and ensure that all residents feel welcomed, respected, and supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to foster understanding, embrace inclusion, and support individuals with autism and their families.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 13th day of April 2026.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

