



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of slavery, more than two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, marking a significant milestone in the nation's journey toward freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is recognized as the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States and serves as an opportunity to honor the resilience, achievements, and contributions of Black Americans throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn values diversity, inclusion, belonging, and mutual respect and recognizes that our community is strengthened by the many cultures, histories, experiences, and perspectives of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of our shared history, celebrate cultural heritage, foster meaningful dialogue, and reaffirm our commitment to creating a welcoming community where all people are treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn, in partnership with the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation and the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board, will host its annual Juneteenth Celebration on Festival Lawn on June 19, 2026, bringing together people from Northglenn and our neighbors, community organizations, performers, and local businesses to celebrate freedom, culture, community, and unity; and

WHEREAS, all residents and visitors are encouraged to attend the Juneteenth Celebration to enjoy music, food, educational opportunities, cultural activities, and community connections that make this event a meaningful and enriching experience for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, hereby proclaim June 19th, 2026 as:



in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to commemorate this important day through reflection, education, service, and celebration as we honor the past, celebrate progress, and work together toward a future of opportunity, understanding, and belonging for all.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado this 8th day of June 2026.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

