



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn supports National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and moves to pronounce it Hunger and Homelessness Awareness *and Action Week*, recognizing the importance of both increasing awareness of the broad reach of homelessness and hunger, and demanding bold action from a broad coalition of community and state partners across government, business, the nonprofit sector, and residents alike; and
- WHEREAS,** it is unacceptable in a prosperous and generous state to have nearly 22,000 Colorado children and youth, together with their families and thousands of seniors, veterans, and other residents who don't have a safe, stable place to call home, or for one in six Colorado children to go hungry and nearly 628,000 Coloradans to be food insecure; and
- WHEREAS,** in partnership with the City of Northglenn, many organizations, such as The Senior Hub, Food for Hope, Almost Home, Growing Home, Close to Home, and Blueprint to End Hunger, are committed to building well-being by connecting residents to available services, implementing public policy initiatives, and encouraging all Coloradans to speak up and lend a hand so the City of Northglenn can be a community where everyone has a safe place to call home and enough food to eat; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn holds annual warm coat, hat, glove, and sock drives and has participated in the Point in Time survey for homeless residents, and in the last three years the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing supported the creation or preservation of 7,745 affordable housing units in communities across Colorado and in State Fiscal Year 2018 dedicated \$15.3 million in marijuana tax revenue to support housing interventions through the Homeless Solutions Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn will hold its annual Holiday Food Drive in November to serve families in our community, and has awarded grant funding to organizations who provide food to those in need including weekly food distributions at local elementary schools. Colorado has improved from 44th in the nation in school breakfast to 11th; and over the last year, more than 35 state agencies, counties, health care systems, nonprofits, community leaders and individuals with lived experience have launched the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, a five-year plan to end hunger in every Colorado community; and

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness are solvable issues and every resident is encouraged to speak up in support of efforts to end homelessness and hunger and take actions such as volunteering, donating needed items, and supporting efforts to increase affordable housing opportunities and food security with the goal of making homelessness and hunger history within our community, within our state, and within our lifetime.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carol Dodge, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the week of November 10th through 18th, 2018 as

NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS AND ACTION WEEK

in the City of Northglenn.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 5th day of November 2018.



CAROL A. DODGE
Mayor