



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault that is experienced by survivors and affects our Colorado communities; and
- WHEREAS,** this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long lasting physical and emotional scars; and
- WHEREAS,** during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and
- WHEREAS,** sexual violence affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances; and
- WHEREAS,** as a nation, we share the responsibility for protecting each other from sexual assault, supporting victims when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice; and
- WHEREAS,** we must work to provide necessary resources to victims of every circumstance, including medical attention, mental health services, relocation and housing assistance, and advocacy during the criminal justice process; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn has joined the Start by Believing public awareness campaign (a program of End Violence Against Women International), which is designed to improve the responses of friends, family members, law enforcement, and community professionals so they can help victims to access supportive resources and engage the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 3, 2019, members of the Northglenn Police Department, City of Northglenn staff, and other professionals took the pledge “to believe” victims of sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado communities can come together to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support victims, and heal lives.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Carol Dodge, Mayor of the City of Northglenn do hereby proclaim April 2019 as:

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and ask all residents to take a stand against sexual assault by joining advocates and communities across Colorado and the country in taking actions to prevent sexual violence and to support all victims of sexual assault.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

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CAROL A. DODGE  
Mayor

