



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our country is made up of people from every nation on earth, who are declared equal not only in freedom but also in justice, both of which are essential for a healthy human civilization; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America was conceived on the 4th of July 1776 with the Declaration of Independence, which proclaimed that we are all created equal and endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, our nation entered a period of darkness, wherein systemic racism, inequality, and inhumanity were born in the form of slavery; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on the 1st of January 1863, providing that all persons held as slaves “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free” and on the 19th of June 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce the end of the Civil War and to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, nearly nine decades after our nation’s founding, and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, all enslaved people were finally released from servitude and recognized, for the first time, as free citizens; and

WHEREAS, from that day forward, Black Americans across our nation came to celebrate Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Emancipation Day, and Jubilee Day, which represents liberation, resilience, and the relentless pursuit of equality, reflecting the invincible spirit of Black Americans throughout our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn honors the profound significance of Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States and encourages everyone to engage in festivities, gatherings, educational programs, and cultural events that promote understanding, unity, and progress as we continue our collective journey to racial justice and equality.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, hereby proclaim June 19th, 2024 as:

JUNETEENTH

in the City of Northglenn. Together, we can continue to foster an inclusive society where every person is treated with dignity, equality, and respect.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado this 10th day of June 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

