

## PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS,** Pride Month is a time to celebrate the diversity, resilience, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community, acknowledging their invaluable impact within our society; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people enrich every aspect of American life as educators, entertainers, entrepreneurs, community leaders, athletes, actors, artists, scientists, scholars, doctors, service members, veterans, and so much more; and
- WHEREAS, Pride Month is observed nationally in June to honor the Stonewall Inn Uprising in 1969, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQ+ rights movement that sparked a wave of activism and advocacy for equality, justice, and human rights for all individuals, regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation; and
- WHEREAS, while Colorado law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, many continue to face significantly higher rates of discrimination in their personal lives, employment, housing, and health care, as well as in the public sphere; and
- WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to create safe, welcoming, and affirming spaces for all where members of the LGBTQ+ community can live and work openly and freely, thriving without fear of judgment, discrimination, or violence; and
- **WHEREAS,** during Pride Month, we reaffirm our commitment to the principles of dignity, respect, and inclusivity, standing against discrimination, prejudice, and violence in all its forms, and promoting a society where everyone can live authentically; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City supports policies, practices, and programs that honor and support the LGBTQ+ community and is proud to host a Pride celebration event and fly Pride flags at City Hall and the Justice Center during the month of June.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Meredith Leighty, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

## PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn. Let us all continue to educate ourselves and others about the issues facing the LGBTQ+ community to foster greater understanding, acceptance, and support through dialogue, visibility, and celebration of our shared humanity.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



MEREDITH LEIGHTY Mayor