



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Italian Heritage Month is commemorated every October to honor the Italian American community and celebrate the rich heritage of Italy, with its traditions, language, and customs, that continue to inspire and influence communities around the world, including right here in Northglenn; and

WHEREAS, the first Italian immigrants arrived in the United States over 200 years ago, and today, Italian Americans represent a vibrant and integral part of our diverse national fabric; over 26 million Americans of Italian descent currently reside in the United States, making Italian Americans the fifth largest ethnic group in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans have made significant economic, social, and cultural contributions in the areas of government, science and technology, arts and entertainment, literature, education, medicine, military service, and culinary arts; and

WHEREAS, Italian Americans were instrumental in establishing Colorado as a leader in railroad transportation, the mining, timber and masonry industries, and agricultural production and distribution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn proudly celebrates the history, culture, and traditions of our local Italian American community which continues to contribute to the vibrant life of our society through a strong sense of family, faith, hard work, and civic engagement.

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

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to learn more about the history of Italy and the importance of the Italian American experience in shaping our local and national identity.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 14th day of October 2024.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

