



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate, acknowledge, and honor the resilience, diversity, and invaluable contributions of Native American communities and Indigenous peoples, past and present, who have played and continue to play a vital role in shaping our society; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn celebrates the rich heritage, cultural contributions, and enduring influence of Native American and Indigenous peoples, whose histories and traditions are woven into the fabric of our community and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** through the Land Acknowledgement Statement adopted by Council in July 2024, we respectfully recognize the land on which we stand as the traditional territory of the Apache, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa, Lakota, Navajo, Pueblo, Shoshone, and Southern Ute tribes and nations, the original stewards of this land. We honor the historical significance of our home and respect its heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** while we come together to honor the triumphs and resiliency of Native American communities and Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge the issues still affecting them, such as exploitation of natural resources on native lands, systemic poverty and unemployment, substance use, criminal justice inequities, stereotyping, erasure and cultural exploitation, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month serves as a time to educate our community, reflect upon our shared history, recognize the strength and diversity of Native cultures, and reaffirm our commitment to supporting and uplifting Native American voices and experiences; and
- WHEREAS,** we stand committed to fostering understanding, respect, and allyship with Native American communities and Indigenous peoples by honoring their enduring legacy and addressing the ongoing challenges through education, advocacy, and dialogue; and
- WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity for all Northglenn residents to celebrate Indigenous cultures, learn from Native histories, and strengthen our community through unity.

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

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Northglenn, and encourage all residents to honor the vibrant cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native American communities and work together toward a future built on equity and respect.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

---

MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

