

# City of Commerce City,



## Proclamation

Whereas; the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims;

Whereas; crime victims' rights acts passed here in Colorado and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process;

Whereas; the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process – not only victims – are appropriately educated about victims' rights;

Whereas; supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals;

Whereas we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives;

Whereas; National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors crime victims and survivors, recognizes the professionals and volunteers who provide critical services to victims of crime, and raises awareness about crime victims' rights and services;

Whereas; this year's theme is a call-to-action for us all to create safe environments for crime victims to share what happened to them; that by doing so, we are able to offer support, options for life-saving services, and most importantly, hope;

Whereas; Commerce City is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors;

Now, therefore, I, Steven Douglas, Mayor of Commerce City, on behalf of the City council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2024, as National Crime Victim's Rights Week reaffirming Commerce City's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during this week and throughout the year.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the fifteenth Day of April 2024.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Steven J. Douglas, Mayor