

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation



*WHEREAS, autism is a developmental disability characterized by a range of successes and challenges with socialization, communication, and behavior; and*

*WHEREAS, the symptoms of autism typically are present before age three and often are accompanied by abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention, and sensory processing; and*

*WHEREAS, autism affects one in every 44 children in the United States, is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity or other factors; and*

*WHEREAS, the parents and relatives of individuals with autism are commended for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with autism; and*

*WHEREAS, the need for early intervention services begins soon after a child has been diagnosed with autism to significantly improve health outcomes and reduce the level of funding and services needed to treat people with autism later in life; and*

*WHEREAS, people with autism can be, and are, productive members of the workforce if they are given appropriate support, training, and early intervention services; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals with autism, like all other Americans, should have the opportunity to realize their ambitions and lead rewarding lives; and*

*WHEREAS, with the autism diagnosis rate increasing fast, we take these 30 days to celebrate the differences of, learn more about, and empower autistic individuals.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Commerce City does hereby proclaim the month of April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Commerce City.**



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

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Steven J. Douglas, Mayor