

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first designated during the Civil War era to decorate the graves of friends who died defending their country; and*

*WHEREAS, May is National Military Appreciation month, which culminates in the federal Memorial Day holiday on the last Monday of the month; and*

*WHEREAS, the holiday provides each individual an opportunity to contemplate the sacrifices made for our freedoms and commit to honoring America's fallen; and*

*WHEREAS, Commerce City has honored current and former members of the armed forces, including those who died in the pursuit of peace, for over 50 years with an annual parade and ceremony on the Memorial Day holiday; and*

*WHEREAS, thanks to the community's commitment to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and the participation of organizations such as the American Legion, the parade is recognized to be the largest event of its kind in Colorado; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important for our city, region and nation to come together to in a time of remembrance and reflection.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Commerce City proclaims May 25, 2015, as **MEMORIAL DAY** and encourages all residents to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Memorial Day Parade.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused this seal to be affixed on the eighteenth day of May 2015.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO.

Sean Ford, Mayor

