

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation



*WHEREAS, child development is the foundation for community development and economic prosperity; and*

*WHEREAS, children are our future workforce, leaders, neighbors, and community members; and*

*WHEREAS, research shows when children experience prolonged and significant adverse childhood experiences such as poverty, abuse, or neglect without adequate adult support to buffer their experiences, it becomes toxic and impacts their brain architecture; and the basic architecture of the brain is constructed through an ongoing process that begins before birth and continues into adulthood; and*

*WHEREAS, community action and collaboration are crucial elements of child abuse prevention, and CASA partners with Colorado cities and counties to prevent child maltreatment; and*

*WHEREAS, all this month we encourage individuals, government institutions, businesses, community associations in our community to raise awareness of child abuse prevention and to show support for thriving communities, thriving families, and thriving children in the city of Commerce City.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve J. Douglas, Mayor of the City of Commerce City, Colorado, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby invite all Commerce City residents and communities to use this month to raise awareness and increase prevention of child abuse in Commerce City, and proclaim the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

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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Steve J. Douglas, Mayor