

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels, affecting over four million Americans each year; and*

*WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and*

*WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and*

*WHEREAS, the Commerce City/Brighton Victim Services Unit served 1,039 domestic violence victims last year, providing services to those in need and community education on how to stop this heinous crime; and*

*WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** *that the City Council of Commerce City hereby proclaims the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge the citizens of Commerce City to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the fifth day of October 2015.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Sean Ford, Mayor

