

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of the City of Commerce City; and

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact the community as seen by recent statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 71 men in the United States will have experienced sexual assault at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, we must collaborate together to educate ourselves, city staff and the community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs in the city encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and

WHEREAS, the city strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2016, as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, encouraging the community to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support victims and heal lives.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the eighteenth day of April 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

