

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect cause lasting harm to a child's well-being and significantly increase the risk of future challenges, including mental health issues, substance abuse, incarceration, unemployment, and homelessness, impacting both individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect requires a community-wide effort, with child-serving agencies, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement, and advocacy groups working together to support and strengthen families; and

WHEREAS, enhancing protective factors such as parental resilience, social connections, concrete support, and child development knowledge helps reduce abuse and neglect while promoting family stability and positive outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Adams and Broomfield Counties play a vital role in advocating for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, ensuring they have a voice in court and access to the resources they need to heal and thrive; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, individuals, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to participate in activities that promote awareness, education, and support for child abuse prevention efforts, including wearing blue, displaying blue ribbons, planting pinwheels, and engaging in outreach initiatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE the City Council of Commerce City do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in and urges all citizens to join in this observance by increasing awareness, advocating for children, and working towards a community where every child is valued, protected, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steven J. Douglas, Mayor

