City of Commerce City, Colorado

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment; and*

WHEREAS, *this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long-lasting psychological, physical and emotional scars; and*

WHEREAS, *rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts citizens in Commerce City, regardless of age, race or gender; and*

WHEREAS, *the Commerce City Police Department, as a certified You Have Options agency, remains committed to offering reporting options to victims of sexual assault while responding to sexual violence with a victim-centered, offender-focused approach; and*

WHEREAS, *the Commerce City Police Department has continued their commitment to supporting victims and bringing perpetrators to justice with the Sexual Assault Task Force with the Brighton Police Department, bringing with it a higher level of investigation and response to victims in our community; and*

WHEREAS, *during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Commerce City acknowledges the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme of "Together We Act, United We Change", and calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to improve ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect; and*

WHEREAS, *we share the responsibility for supporting victims by believing friends, family and co-workers when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice, whatever justice means to those who are victimized; and*

WHEREAS, *prevention is possible when the entire Commerce City community is involved. The first step is increasing awareness through education and supporting victims. It's time for all of us to take action to prevent sexual violence; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that I, Mayor Douglas, on behalf of the City of Commerce City, hereby proclaim April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Commerce City.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the seventeenth day of March 2025.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Steven J. Douglas, Mayor