

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality and deepens our understanding of our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History launched "Negro History Week" to bring attention and promote studying black history as a discipline and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Woodson sought to highlight the contributions and accomplishments made to the history of our country that for years had been omitted; and

WHEREAS, the African American community has endured decades of struggle to be recognized as equal among our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the Nation's bicentennial, President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month a national observance stating, "We can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history;" and

WHEREAS, during the month of February, our Nation takes pause to reflect on the injustices and struggles fought and overcome by African Americans throughout our Nation's history and pay tribute to the battles they have fought in the name of equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Commerce City proclaims the month of February 2026 as Black History Month and encourage all residents to join in celebrating our country's diversity and continue the efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

A large, stylized black ink signature of Steve J. Douglas, Mayor of Commerce City, Colorado.

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor