

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation



*WHEREAS, Pride Month celebrates the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community along with various other sexual and gender minorities and their cultural, economic, and government contributions to Commerce City and the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, in June the nation celebrates the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York where the LGBTQIA+ community united to the protest of the injustices that they faced, and commemorates the contributions that queer people of color made that led to liberation, such as two leaders and transgender women of color Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera who continually fought for equity despite the risk of violence and imprisonment; and*

*WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community continues to fight for equity in all realms of life including housing, employment, health, and safety, including fighting against recent anti-LGBTQIA+ bills across the nation that specifically target our transgender and non-binary community members, all of which result in emotional and physical implications like suicide rates among transgender and non-binary youth being the highest in the nation's history and increased violence against transgender women of color; and*

*WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ community members and allies in Commerce City and across the nation promote awareness of these injustices and work towards inclusivity and equity for all gender identities and sexual orientations, and despite these injustices, the LGBTQIA+ community continues to demonstrate their pride and fight for deserved equity in all areas and positively contribute to the nation and Commerce City in our businesses, schools, human services, and neighborhoods; and*

*WHEREAS, Commerce City honors the contributions and tireless efforts of the LGBTQIA+ community, and encourages residents to actively stand up against injustices and seek knowledge about the diversity of all gender identities and sexual orientations;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Commerce City, Colorado declares June 2023 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Commerce City and encourages all community members to join in celebrating our country's diversity, and create opportunities for equality and justice.*



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the Fifth day of June 2023.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Handwritten signature of Benjamin A. Huseman.

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor