

# 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 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 extended their commitment to supporting victims and bringing perpetrators to justice with the launch of 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, 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 in ending sexual assault.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor, Sean Ford and City Council of the City of Commerce City, Colorado, proclaims the month of April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and urge the residents of Commerce City to work together to eliminate sexual assault from our community.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the first day of April, 2019.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

