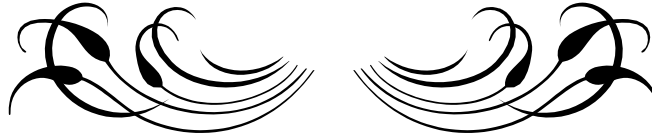


Office of the Mayor

Commerce City, Colorado

Proclamation



WHEREAS, 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and crime affects many more, including families, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological and financial toll on victims, that has the potential to irrevocably change the course of their lives forever; and

WHEREAS, victim assistance programs across the country are reaching more victims and criminal justice officials are honoring victims' rights more consistently, public understanding of victims' rights remains minimal and challenges face our nation's victim's services system; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City has a Victims' Services Unit staffed by two full-time employees and eight volunteers, all of whom provide on-scene incident assistance to crime victims 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week; and

WHEREAS, the unit served more than 700 individuals last year, primarily responding to domestic violence or sexual assault on children with essential items such as diapers, toiletries, teddy bears, blankets and clothes; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City is participating in National Crime Victims' Rights week helps to raise awareness about the services provided by the unit as well as recruit volunteers to participate in this important program.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of City Council, I hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2013, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming the city's commitment to respect victims' rights and address their needs throughout the year.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Bauer, CMC, City Clerk

Date: _____