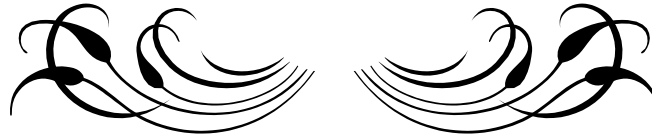


Office of the Mayor

Commerce City, Colorado

Proclamation



WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City's Memorial Day Parade has been a staple of our community for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, the parade would not be possible without the dedication of numerous city employees, who volunteer their time and resources to ensure its success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Howard, the city's information technology director, has served as a volunteer for 34 years staging the parade entries; and

WHEREAS, the parade grew from a 15-minute route in downtown Derby with 20 entries to a two-hour, 1.5-mile parade with over 150 entries during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, with Mr. Howard's leadership, the event has become Colorado's largest Memorial Day Parade, with more than 10,000 spectators annually; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard is retiring this year from his volunteer position to again enjoy the Memorial Day holiday with his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of City Council, I hereby honor John Howard for 34 years of dedication to Commerce City's annual Memorial Day Parade and helping to build a "Quality Community for a Lifetime."

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: _____