

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation



WHEREAS, Indigenous People are at a disproportionate risk of experiencing violence, murder, or going missing and make up a significant portion of the missing and murdered cases reported to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, on this Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, we reaffirm our commitment to honor the lives of murdered and missing Indigenous Persons, particularly women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals, and continue to shine a light on egregious and unconscionable treatment towards and against indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, more than four out of five Indigenous People have experienced violence in their lifetime, including more than half who have experienced sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, as many as 85% of Indigenous Two-Spirit individuals who fulfill one of many mixed gender roles traditionally found in many Indigenous groups have been a victim of violence; and

WHEREAS, many Indigenous People continue to experience systemic and individual discrimination and indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals experience highly disproportionate levels of life-threatening and gender-based violence, trauma, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, surrounding Indigenous Nations continue to experience the loss of loved ones and we stand in solidarity with the families in Colorado and across Canada and the United States who have missing or murdered family members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Steven J. Douglas, on behalf of the City Council of Commerce City, hereby declares May 5, 2024 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day in Commerce City and encourages all residents to educate themselves and increase their awareness of the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous Peoples in Colorado and across Canada, Mexico and the United States.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the SIXTH day of MAY 2024.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steven J. Douglas, Mayor