

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and*

*WHEREAS, the City recognizes and renounces the tragic historical events in the United States' and Colorado's past and honors Indigenous Peoples history, sacrifices and rich contributions to our community and nation; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City is committed to eradicating the systemic racism towards Indigenous Peoples, which has resulted in chronic cycles of poverty and economic, health, education, and social disparities ; and*

*WHEREAS, the City supports the efforts of Indigenous Peoples to continue to fight for their sovereignty of their land, their right to exist, and their access opportunities that have long been denied to their ancestors; and*

*WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the observance of Indigenous Peoples Day does not do enough to right the injustices and treatment of Indigenous People from the founding of the United States to even today as Indigenous People continue to fight against the stealing of Tribal lands, rights to self-governance, and threats to their sacred spaces and clean air and water.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Commerce City, Colorado, hereby declares October 14, 2024 as INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY in Commerce City and encourages all residents to educate themselves on the rich history and culture of Indigenous Peoples in Colorado by supporting local authors, filmmakers, poets, and artists; speak with their Indigenous neighbors about their families history; uplift the voices of the Indigenous community wherever they exist; and be good stewards of the lands on which we all still occupy.*

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Steve J. Douglas, Mayor