

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers, leaving a lasting physical, emotional or financial impact on people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds ; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face criminal, military and juvenile justice systems that, at times, ignore their rights; and

WHEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including those affected by domestic minor sex trafficking and cybercrime as well as immigrant, urban youth and LGBT victims; and

Whereas, the victim services community has worked for decades to create an environment for victims that is safe, supportive, and effective, by early intervention with services that support and empower victims creating a pathway to recovery from crime and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Commerce City Police Department and its Victims' Services Unit is participating in National Crime Victims' Rights week which help raise awareness of victims' rights.

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the City Council hereby proclaims the week of April 10 – 16, 2016, as **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** reaffirming the city's commitment to serve victims of crime with dignity and respect.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the fourth day of April 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

