

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2017, Piqui, a five-year-old was suffocated by his biological father during an approved court visit despite his father's history of abusive behavior and his mother Ana Estevez's plea to the court to protect him; and

WHEREAS, to honor Piqui and all of the California children who have been murdered by a divorcing or separating parent and the conservatively estimated 58,000 U.S. children annually are being court ordered into unsupervised visitation with an abusive parent; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence and child abuse, including emotional, psychological, physical, and sexual abuse, as well as childhood trauma, coercive control, and post separation abuse for judges and all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Benjamin A. Huseman, on behalf of City Council hereby declare NOVEMBER 2020 as FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH and encourages all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the seventeenth day of October 2022.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

