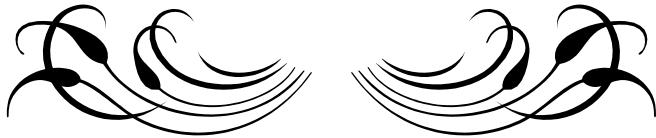


Office of the Mayor
Commerce City, Colorado

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Americans are victims of more than 22 million crimes each year, affecting family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers, 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 treat them with disrespect; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 the Crime Victim's Fund was established by the Victims of Crime Act to provide a permanent source of support for crime victim services and compensation through fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders. Today the fund supports thousands of victim assistance programs and 3.5 million victims throughout the nation; 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, now is the time to embrace a new emphasis on learning what works in reaching underserved victims and meeting victims' needs, such as working collaboratively with other agencies; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of City Council, I hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2014, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming the city's commitment to serving these individuals with dignity and respect.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Sean Ford, Mayor

Laura Bauer, CMC, City Clerk

Date: April 7, 2014