

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT T, WHICH REMOVES REFERENCES
TO SLAVERY AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE FROM THE COLORADO
CONSTITUTION**

NO. 2016-109

WHEREAS, Colorado's Constitution written in 1876, states "there shall never be in this state either slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime;" and

WHEREAS, this outdated use of the word slavery is unnecessary and portrays the acceptance of oppression in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this language does not reflect Colorado values or the state's rich western heritage, which recognizes the right of all individuals to have dignity, freedom, and equality; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado legislature voted unanimously to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot removing this language during the last legislative session; and

WHEREAS, city leaders recognize the importance of removing antiquated and divisive language from the constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Commerce City hereby supports Amendment T and encourages the community to also support removing the references to slavery and involuntary servitude from the Colorado Constitution.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

BY: _____
Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk