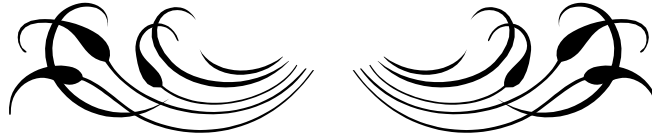


Office of the Mayor

Commerce City, Colorado

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS, during the early morning hours of Friday, July 20, 2012, a horrific event occurred in the City of Aurora, resulting in 70 victims, including 12 fatalities; and*

*WHEREAS, emergency responders, hospitals, doctors and strangers responded to the tragedy by attending to victims, apprehending the suspect and saving countless lives; and*

*WHEREAS, this senseless act of violence caused the entire region, state and nation to collectively pause and reflect; and*

*WHEREAS, this event brought our collective communities together as one, sharing our grief, our love, our support, and our hope; and*

*WHEREAS, our communities are not defined by these types of events, but rather it is the lives and acts of our heroes and the numerous acts of kindness and care for our neighbors that defines who we are; and*

*WHEREAS, we can all help the victims of this senseless crime by financially contributing to [givingfirst.org](http://givingfirst.org) to help begin the healing process; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City recognizes its sister city's efforts during the last two weeks to comfort victims, seek justice, and provide information about this tragic event.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of City Council, I hereby express the city's heartfelt sympathies to the victim's of this tragedy and offer our collective support to help move our collective communities move forward.*

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

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura J. Bauer, CMC, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_