

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in Commerce City, Colorado, lives under a dome of light pollution – excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness – and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, DarkSky International, headquartered in the state of Arizona, is the globally recognized authority on light pollution and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Commerce City does hereby declare April 2nd through the 8th of 2024 as International Dark Sky Week in Commerce City.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the first day of April 2024.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steven J. Douglas, Mayor