

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of North America, Native Americans, have played a unique and distinguished role in our nation's history and culture through vital contributions to government, medicine, education, religion, architecture, environment, and military; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes its oldest and most continuous residents—the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, as well as 46 historic tribal nations of Colorado and all Native American and Alaska Native residents throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, November 29th, 2021 is the 157th Anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre where approximately 675 United States soldiers, under the command of Colonel John Chivington, killed more than 200 Cheyenne and Arapaho villagers, mostly elderly men, women, and children, approximately 180 miles southeast of Commerce City near Eads, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Creek Massacre was a tragedy of worldwide importance, and Commerce City is committed to the ongoing work of increased public awareness and education regarding this dark chapter in Colorado's history; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City honors the contributions of the Native American people, and encourages residents to actively seek knowledge about the history and heritage of the Native Americans in our state, past, present, and future;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT November 2021 be NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Commerce City.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the first day of November 2021.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

