

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans are victims of more than 26 million crimes each year, affecting family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers, 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, 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, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the City Council hereby proclaims the week of April 19 - 25, 2015, as **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** reaffirming the city's commitment to serve victims of crime with dignity and respect.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the sixth day of April 2015.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

