

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault upon survivors and our Colorado communities; and

WHEREAS, this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long lasting physical and emotional scars; and

WHEREAS, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and

WHEREAS, we must work to provide necessary resources to victims of every circumstance, including medical attention, mental health services, relocation and housing assistance, and advocacy during the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City shares the responsibility for protecting our community and employees from sexual assault, supporting victims when it does occur and bringing perpetrators to justice.

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the City Council hereby proclaims the month of April 2015, as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**, encouraging our community to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support victims and heal lives.*

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

