

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS one in four adults and one in five youth experiences mental health problems in any given year. Nearly two-thirds of all people with a diagnosable mental illness do not seek treatment, which today is fundamental to the future of Commerce City; and

WHEREAS stigma is one of the greatest challenges facing people with mental health problems. Stigma often comes from lack of knowledge or awareness, creating feelings of isolation, shame and perpetuates discrimination in schools, housing, employment and social interaction; and

WHEREAS the Rotary Club of Commerce City, Colo., recently introduced a Mental Health Initiative, which through its unique approach will provide Healthier Minds and Communities through Awareness, Education and Funding for Research.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Commerce City hereby proclaims May 5, 2015, to be ROTARY MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE AWARENESS DAY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we urge students, citizens and businesses in Commerce City to decrease stigmatizing attitudes regarding mental illness and increase confidence of individuals to reach out to the readily accessible resources available in the community.

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

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

