

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and*

*WHEREAS, despite great progress, each day, an average of three women in the US, die as a result of domestic violence. One in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a higher rate than the national average; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and*

*WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and*

*WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and support the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy services and assistance to victims.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Commerce City proclaims the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urges its citizens prevent domestic abuse, speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the Third day of October 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Sean Ford, Mayor

