

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, every day, women, men and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment; and*

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

*WHEREAS, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit, as a community, to lift the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, raise awareness, support victims and strengthen our response; and*

*WHEREAS, as a community, we share the responsibility to protect each other from sexual assault, to support victims when it occurs, bring perpetrators to justice and heal lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the Commerce City Police Department, as a certified You Have Options agency, remains committed to offering reporting options to victims, responding to sexual violence with a victim-centered, offender-focused approach.*

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

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Sean Ford, Mayor of the City of Commerce City, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the City of Commerce City.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the third day of April 2017.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Sean Ford, Mayor

