

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, agriculture plays an important historical role in the economic development of Colorado and Commerce City; and

WHEREAS, Chevalier Pinkney Murray and his wife Kathryn began operating the 120-acre Murray Farm in 1917 near 110th and Havana Street, with beef and dairy cattle as well as crops such as sugar beets, potatoes, alfalfa, and wheat; and

WHEREAS, Murray Farm leased Rocky Mountain Arsenal farmland until groundwater contamination significantly impacted their livelihood, resulting in a settlement and hemp cultivation contract with the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Pinkney and his son Benton expanded Murray Farms through the selling of hybrid seeds and equipment sales, a tradition that continues today through Benton's sons Glen and Lyle; and

WHEREAS, the 1,000-acre Murray Farm is the only working farm within Commerce City, with the Murray family donating their time and talents to civic and philanthropic causes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognized Murray Farm with the Centennial Farm Award at this year's Colorado State Fair, acknowledging the family's 100-year commitment to the state's agriculture heritage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Commerce City honors MURRAY FARM and the MURRAY FAMILY for their community and agricultural contributions.

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

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

