

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation



WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime; and

WHEREAS, many victims face barriers – such as isolation, distrust of authorities, language limitations, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers – that keep them from accessing the services and criminal justice systems that can help them recover from crime; and

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor, Sean Ford and City Council of the City of Commerce City, Colorado, proclaims the week of April 8-14, 2018 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the second day of April, 2018.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Ford'.

Sean Ford, Mayor

