

# 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, , an average of 20 Americans experience physical violence every minute, equating to more than 10 million abuse victims annually; and*

*WHEREAS, One in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and*

*WHEREAS, Despite tremendous progress, an average of three women in the U.S. die as a result of domestic violence each day. One in four women and one in nine 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 rate higher 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, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor, Sean Ford and City Council of the City of Commerce City, Colorado, the month of October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges the citizens of Commerce City to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.*

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

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

