

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation



WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; 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 offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, The 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 a better future 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 7-13, 2019 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the first day of April 2019.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

