

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1981, communities across the United States have observed National Crime Victims' Rights Week to promote victims' rights, honor crime victims and survivors, and recognize those who provide advocacy, support, and services; and

WHEREAS, crime victims have constitutional and statutory rights, including the right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, to be informed, to be present, and to be heard within the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme, "**Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect victims. Serve communities.**", calls upon communities to center victims' voices, respond with coordinated and trauma-informed action, and champion policies and practices that strengthen rights and services; and

WHEREAS, listening to victims fosters trust, acting with purpose ensures timely and effective support, and advocating alongside survivors strengthens the safety and resilience of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City recognizes the dedicated professionals, volunteers, law enforcement personnel, victim advocates, and community partners who work collaboratively to protect victims, uphold their rights, and serve our community with compassion and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City reaffirms its commitment to supporting crime victims, enhancing access to services, and promoting justice for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Douglas, on behalf of the City of Commerce City, hereby proclaim the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming City of Commerce City commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor