## City of Commerce City, Colorado Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month each year by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 and was expanded in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, these positive contributions are evident within the Commerce City community, where thriving businesses, cultural arts and neighborhoods exist, creating a meaningful social fabric of which all residents can engage and learn.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Commerce City, Colorado declares September 15 – October 15, 2024, as NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, recognizing the importance of the Hispanic community within Commerce City.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor