

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pervasive and devastating crime that affects individuals of every race, age, gender identity, and income level, leaving lasting impacts on survivors, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, an average of 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute, equating to more than 10 million victims each year; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in nine men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime, and on average, three women in America are killed by their intimate partner every day; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans report witnessing an incident of domestic violence, and children who grow up in violent homes are at significantly higher risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, and long-term trauma; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence undermines the stability and health of families, which are the foundation of strong communities, and too often leaves survivors struggling with emotional, physical, and financial harm; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of domestic violence is staggering, costing the nation billions annually in health care, law enforcement, court expenses, shelter services, foster care, lost productivity, and other related costs; and

WHEREAS, preventing and responding to domestic violence requires a united, coordinated effort involving law enforcement, advocates, health care providers, educators, faith communities, and engaged citizens working together to break the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the courage and resilience of survivors, to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, and to recommit ourselves as a community to education, prevention, advocacy, and support for all who are impacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor, Steve Douglas, and the City of Commerce City, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and call upon all citizens to unite in raising awareness, promoting healthy relationships, supporting survivors, and working together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor