

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation



*WHEREAS, global warming has now raised the average global air temperature above one degree Celsius, and scientists have documented that this extra heat already dramatically impacts the environment: larger and stronger hurricanes, increased drought and flooding, shifting rain patterns, more and larger wildfires, a hotter and more acidic ocean, and damaged ecosystems, both marine and terrestrial, across the planet; and; and*

*WHEREAS, in April 2016, world leaders recognized the urgent need to combat climate change by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep global warming "well below 2°C (3.6°F) above pre-industrial levels" and to "pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C (2.7°F)"; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2017, over fifteen thousand scientists published a "Warning to Humanity", declaring that greenhouse gasses produced from human activities have "pushed Earth's ecosystems to their breaking point"; and*

*WHEREAS, 14,859 scientists from one hundred fifty eight countries have signed a declaration, unequivocally affirming that "planet Earth is facing a climate emergency" and it will now take "an immense increase of scale in endeavors to conserve our biosphere" to avoid untold suffering; and*

*WHEREAS, based upon the scientific information and expertise available, Colorado is in danger of disaster occurrences as a result of the effects of global warming, thereby endangering the health, safety, and welfare of the people, warranting preemptive and protective action.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Commerce City, hereby declares an existential climate emergency threatens humanity and the natural world, declares a climate emergency, and supports worldwide collaboration toward an immediate just transition and emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate; and that the City encourages statewide action that is committed to and rooted in equity, self-determination, culture, tradition, and the belief that people locally and around the world have the right to clean, healthy, and adequate air, water, land, food, education, and shelter; and finally that nothing in this measure constitutes a declaration of an emergency for purposes of any act authorizing the exercise of any special or extraordinary power during the period of a state emergency or other type of declared emergency..*

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Steve J. Douglas, Mayor