

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, melanoma is the deadliest form of cancer most commonly found on the skin that affects individuals of every race, ethnicity, and sex across the state of Colorado;

WHEREAS, nearly 90% of cutaneous melanomas are related to excess ultraviolet (UV) exposure according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS);

WHEREAS, sun safe behaviors such as avoiding the sun when ultraviolet exposure is highest, seeking shade, and wearing sun protective clothing and broad spectrum sunscreen reduce the harmful effects of ultraviolet exposure;

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2022, there were 1,629 new cases of melanoma of the skin and in 2023, there were 154 deaths reported in the state;

WHEREAS, melanoma of the skin is largely treatable when detected early, but many Coloradans remain unaware of the signs and symptoms of this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Commerce City, hereby declares May 2026 as Melanoma Awareness Month in Commerce City and encourages all residents to practice sun safety when outside.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve J. Douglas', written over a horizontal line.

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor