

City of Commerce City, Colorado



Proclamation



WHEREAS, every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long-lasting physical and emotional scars; and

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impacts citizens in Commerce City, regardless of age, race or gender; and

WHEREAS, the Commerce City Police Department, as a certified You Have Options agency, remains committed to offering reporting options to victims of sexual assault while responding to sexual violence with a victim-centered, offender-focused approach; and

WHEREAS, the Commerce City Police Department has continued their commitment to supporting victims and bringing perpetrators to justice with the Sexual Assault Task Force with the Brighton Police Department, bringing with it a higher level of investigation and response to victims in our community; and

WHEREAS, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and

WHEREAS, we share the responsibility for supporting victims by believing friends, family and co-workers when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice, whatever justice means to those who are victimized; and

WHEREAS, at the local level, we must work together to educate the Commerce City community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible when the entire Commerce City community is involved. The first step is increasing awareness through education and supporting victims. It's time for all of us to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Huseman, Mayor of the Commerce City, on behalf of the City council, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the Commerce City.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the nineteenth day of April, 2021.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

