

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation



*WHEREAS, on the 27th of January, we join with others around the world in remembering those who perished in the Holocaust and the families who lost countless loved ones to the heinous and cowardly acts of the Nazi Regime; and,*

*WHEREAS, between 1933 and 1945, more than 6 Million Jews and millions more people, including the Orma, Sinti, Slavs, differently abled, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, political dissidents, and others, were deliberately killed for no other purpose but to stoke hate and fear; and,*

*WHEREAS, with antisemitic and other violence and rhetoric driven by hate on the rise, we must be better prepared and more alert to recognize and fight against another genocide by leaning and respecting the past, putting ourselves on its feet, and perpetuating its memory; and,*

*WHEREAS, it is critical for our community to condemn all kinds of mass murder, hate speech, and hate crimes by remaining vigilant when looking for hatred and alerting authorities to any act that endangers humanity, as any small act of violence based on hate has percussion on the souls of those lost in the Holocaust, and tolerating even the smallest acts of bigotry, denial, racism, or intolerance can quickly escalate into catastrophe if not stopped in time; and,*

*WHEREAS, honoring the memory of victims of the Holocaust is vital to prevent future genocide and improve our society by reminding us that the worst of humanity is something in which we will not be complicit.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Commerce City proclaims January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as International Day of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust and joins with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission in encouraging all in our community to use the tools and knowledge of today to not take for granted the freedom's we enjoy, and we continue the fight through the words of Holocaust Survivor Viktor Frankl: "When we are no longer able to change the situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."*



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the Nineteenth day of December 2022.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor