

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2017
AS
DEAF AWARENESS WEEK
IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE

***WHEREAS**, the US Census estimates that there are more than 32.3 million deaf people living in the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, according to the National Institutes of Health, approximately 2 to 3 out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born with a detectable level of hearing loss in one or both ears; and*

***WHEREAS**, there are numerous causes of deafness and hearing loss, including genetics, diseases, viruses, infections, allergies, tumors, head trauma, and aging; and*

***WHEREAS**, organizations for the deaf, such as Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. and the National Association for the Deaf, are valuable resources which provide referrals and resources to the Deaf and hard of hearing; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce is committed to understanding the needs of the Deaf in the City to foster an environment conducive to all forms of communication; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce recently established a Special Needs Commission that will promote greater awareness and recommend programs and services to assist those with special needs in our community; and*

***WHEREAS**, every child and adult, regardless of mode of language, whether spoken, written or signed, has a voice and deserves to be heard:*

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 - 30, 2017 AS DEAF AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND URGES EVERYONE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DEAFNESS, INCLUDING HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEAF IN OUR COMMUNITY.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2017.

Oralia Y. Rebollo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk