## A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Commerce Proclaiming April 2018 as Limb Loss Awareness Month In the City of Commerce

**Whereas,** according to the Amputee Coalition of America, there are approximately two million Americans currently living with limb loss or limb difference; and

**Whereas,** April is typically a month of renewal and is therefore the perfect month to promote limb loss awareness in the City of Commerce; and

Whereas, more than 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

Whereas, each year, 1,000 babies are born in the United States with congenital limb difference; and

Whereas, studies show that 60 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

Whereas, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss; and

**Whereas,** the Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a national limb loss information center for people with limb loss or limb difference, their families and health care providers:

Now, therefore, I Mayor Oralia Y. Rebollo do hereby proclaim April 2018 as Limb Loss Awareness Month in the City of Commerce and urge the entire community to encourage and respect people with limb loss or limb difference, including combat amputees who have lost their limbs in service to this country.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2018.

Oralia Y. Rebollo Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway City Clerk