



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE  
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2020 AS  
**DEAF AWARENESS MONTH**  
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 hearing impaired; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Commerce Special Needs Commission promotes greater awareness and recommend programs and services to assist those with special needs in our community:*

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AS DEAF AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND URGES EVERYONE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DEAFNESS, INCLUDING HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR HEARING IMPAIRED COMMUNITY.**

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020

ATTEST:

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Ivan Altamirano  
Mayor

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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk