

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1995, the voters of Lakewood voted to incorporate the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Lakewood City Council passed Resolution No. 95-10 setting the official date of incorporation for the City of Lakewood as February 28, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Cityhood would not have happened without the hard work and dedication of many Lakewood residents who wanted to have local control of the decisions made regarding their City's future; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years we have seen significant progress in local planning and redevelopment. We have removed dilapidated buildings throughout the **COMMUNITY** and replaced them with new thriving businesses. Today you can use and enjoy new and improved parks, playgrounds and special events, updated streets with sidewalks and lighting and many new restaurants and businesses; and

WHEREAS, we created our own police department to keep our **COMMUNITY** safe, invested in programs to support our most vulnerable citizens and built a city hall for easy access to municipal services. We renewed and improved our partnership with JBLM and increased our presence throughout the state as a strong, stable and livable city; and

WHEREAS, our current vision to be a thriving, urban city, possessing the core values of family, education, and economic prosperity while embracing our diversity and keeping the **Unity in COMMUNITY** matches the vision and goals set 25 years ago; and

WHEREAS, today the City of Lakewood exemplifies what an involved citizenry can accomplish when they are equipped with a strong sense of **COMMUNITY** pride and willingness to provide service in the **COMMUNITY** where they live, work and play and who continue working hard to build a safe, healthy and vibrant **COMMUNITY**; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood marks its 25th Anniversary by celebrating all citizens, volunteers, businesses, community organizations, dedicated staff and Councilmembers, past and present, who worked so hard then and continue now to enhance and exemplify the **COMMUNITY** of Lakewood.

NOW, THEREFORE, on the occasion of the City of Lakewood's 25th Anniversary, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim the year of **2021** as a year of celebration of the City of Lakewood's 25th Anniversary and urges all citizens to join in this merriment.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2021.

Don Anderson, Mayor