

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Monday, January 20, 2020, is designated as a federal holiday celebrating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who dedicated his life to the fundamental principles of freedom, opportunity, and equal justice to all; and

WHEREAS, such recognition is a direct result of his many contributions to society through his deeds and words; and

WHEREAS, through his march on Washington and his "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. King reached a world-wide audience and was recognized by people from all walks of life as the conscience of an entire nation; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is designated as Black History Month to highlight struggles of race and citizenship in American history, from experiences of free blacks in a land of slavery to the political aspirations of African Americans today; and

WHEREAS, all Americans are reminded that our nation recognizes that all people are created equal and should be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is committed to the ideals of a free society and is a community of great cultural diversity which it values and celebrates, and is dedicated to the brotherhood of all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood will again honor the distinguished legacy of Dr. King at its 17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Harrison Preparatory School and supports its community partners who are honoring Black History Month with events in Lakewood on Saturday, February 8 at the Tillicum Library at 12 p.m., Saturday, February 15 at the Lakewood Library at 2 p.m. and Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lakewood Boys & Girls Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council hereby recognizes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and proclaims the month of February 2020 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and invite all citizens to join us in these observances.

PROCLAIMED this 21st day of January, 2020.

Don Anderson, Mayor