

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood takes pride in the collaborative work of our community and the volunteer efforts of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare every eligible youth in America to become responsible, participating citizens and leaders, who are guided by the Scout Oath and Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America encourages Eagle Scout candidates to complete worthy projects to improve their neighborhoods, community and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, an Eagle Scout devotes endless hours fulfilling many requirements for the advancement in scouting, including attaining 21 merit badges; holding prerequisite ranks and offices in advance of coordinating their eagle scout project and completing an examination by the Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout is the highest award a scout can receive; few move through the ranks of scouting. In 2019 only 8% of all scouts make it all the way to Eagle and even more rare is a Quartermaster project, where nationally only 35 accomplish this in conjunction with the Sea Scout program; and

**WHEREAS**, for his Eagle Scout community service project JP Bega from Troop #436 directed volunteers for 365 hours in 2016 to create community garden planting beds and then returned in 2019 and created garden benches in the Springbrook neighborhood to complete his Quartermaster Project for the Sea Scout program; and

**WHEREAS**, for his community service project, Cody Orcutt from Troop #436 directed volunteers in the creation of a community library and food pantry kiosk in the Springbrook neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, for his community service project, Mokoia Tennant from Troop # 436 directed volunteers for 123 hours working on the creation of a Western State Hospital Historic Cemetery Monument Path; and

**WHEREAS**, for his community service project, Alex Thomason from Troop # 436 directed volunteers for 113 hours working on a Western State Hospital Historic Cemetery Sign Replacement Project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby recognize JP Bega, Cody Orcutt, Mokoia Tennant and Alex Thomason on their personal achievements of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

PROCLAIMED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Anderson".

Don Anderson, Mayor