

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, parks, playgrounds, nature trails, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a community attractive and a desirable place to live, work, play and visit; and

**WHEREAS**, parks are a place where people can reflect, re-energize or socialize; a place where everyone is welcome regardless of age, race, beliefs or social and economic status; and a place where a sense of community is created; and

**WHEREAS**, use of Lakewood's parks significantly increased during the last year when our city, our nation and the world were affected by the coronavirus pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, local businesses and areas of the community may have been closed but the parks were open for business and people flocked there to escape the fear and isolation of the disease, to boost their mental health, to add a recess period to their virtual school day or for a variety of other reasons to stay and play close to home; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department encourages citizens to celebrate the value and enhanced quality of life that parks bring to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, park supporters of all ages will volunteer their time to clean-up and beautify Fort Steilacoom Park, Springbrook Park, the Lakewood Community Garden and other specific beautification projects throughout Lakewood on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim April 24, 2021 as

### ***PARKS APPRECIATION DAY***

in the City of Lakewood and urges all citizens to show support by masking up and safely visiting, beautifying and protecting our parks.

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

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

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Don Anderson, Mayor