

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Nisqually and Steilacoom people were the first inhabitants of what is now the City of Lakewood, using the prairie lands as a ready source of food and a gathering place; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples contributions are woven deeply into our City's rich tapestry; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous people have influenced every stage of our City's development; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous people have played a vital role in our community and their contributions have enhanced the prosperity and greatness of the City today; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges that every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history which led to this moment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to recognize that we are on the lands of the Nisqually and Steilacoom people, and acknowledge the history of dispossession that allowed for the growth of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City offers respect to the Nisqually and Steilacoom people and their Elders, past, present, and emerging; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous people have participated in every major U.S. military encounter from the Revolutionary War to recent conflicts in the Middle East, serving at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other ethnic group; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous people are a testament to the deep importance of culture and vibrancy of traditions, passed down throughout generations; and

**WHEREAS**, our community reaffirms its commitment to respect and preserve the traditions and culture and to honor the unique heritage of our first inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes our responsibility to value all people, and are committed to equitably serving all people in our diverse community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lakewood City Council does hereby proclaim November, 2021 as

## **Native American Heritage Month**

in the City of Lakewood and calls upon all residents to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

PROCLAIMED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

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Don Anderson, Mayor