

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in April 1996, the City of Lakewood and Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan began exploring the possibility of establishing a sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2002, the City of Lakewood and Okinawa City officially formed as sister cities; and

WHEREAS, the relationship has been beneficial to both cities and residents of the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood Sister Cities Association has coordinated numerous exchanges and engagement events for representatives of the City of Lakewood and Okinawa City such as student exchanges, video conference exchanges, art exchanges and delegation visits; and

WHEREAS, during the 20 years of courtship between the City of Lakewood and Okinawa City, both our cities have come to form a deeper understanding of our peoples and formed many lasting friendships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood looks forward to continuing to develop the sister city relationship and collaborating on future exchanges between the two cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council is hereby deeply grateful and proud to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship between the City of Lakewood and Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of February, 2022.



Jason Whalen, Mayor