

# 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, visit and play; 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**, parks and open spaces have always provided a welcome respite from our fast paced, high-tech lifestyles, contributed to our ongoing economic vitality and protect and preserve our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, use of Lakewood's parks significantly increased during the last few years when our city, our nation and the world were affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Our community realized how important parks were to their daily lives, as they flocked there to escape isolation, to boost their mental health, to enjoy fresh air and open spaces, and found a safe and healthy place they could stay and play close to home; and,

**WHEREAS**, after a two year hiatus from this important community event, we anticipate hundreds of volunteers representing businesses, community groups, churches and organizations will come out to prepare the parks for the spring and summer season; and

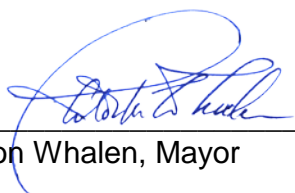
**WHEREAS**, park supporters of all ages will volunteer their time to clean-up and beautify American Lake Park, Fort Steilacoom Park, Kiwanis Park, Springbrook Park, Wards Lake Park, the Lakewood Community Garden and other specific beautification projects throughout Lakewood on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim April 23, 2022 as

## PARKS APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Lakewood and urges all residents to show support by visiting, beautifying and protecting our parks.

PROCLAIMED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
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Jason Whalen, Mayor