

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Andrea Gernon has dedicated over twenty-five years to active community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gernon was instrumental in the creation of Communities In Schools of Lakewood whose mission is to help students succeed in school, graduate and have the tools to succeed in life; and

**WHEREAS**, she was committed to and instrumental in campaigning for the incorporation of the City of Lakewood in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Gernon, in partnership with Dr. Claudia Thomas, connected with America's Promise, a national movement to support children and youth and initiated Lakewood's Promise in 1997, bringing the movement to Lakewood; and

**WHEREAS**, she also served on the Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board committing her time to the Five Promises to children and youth so that they would grow up with the help and guidance of caring adult relationships, healthy childhoods, safe surroundings, effective education and opportunities to serve others; and

**WHEREAS**, through her dedication to Lakewood's Promise ideals, the City of Lakewood was recognized nationally for several years as one of America's 100 Best Communities for Young People; and

**WHEREAS**, as Co-Chair of Lakewood's Community Collaboration, Andie Gernon fostered a spirit of collaboration by connecting the military, public safety, education, churches, service organizations, local businesses, and human service providers for the purpose of actively engaging in support of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Andie Gernon's service, she earned the respect of elected officials and other civic leaders for her exemplary leadership working towards the best interests of Lakewood's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 through 2003 she served the community as an appointed City Councilmember; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate the City of Lakewood's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we recognize her dedication and inspirational leadership within the Lakewood community and her efforts of building a legacy of compassion and service which has shaped the character and values of various organizations as we know them today.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby extend our deepest appreciation to

## **Andrea “Andie” Gernon**

for her passion, leadership and distinguished service to the City of Lakewood and its residents.

PROCLAIMED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.



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Don Anderson, Mayor