

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood supports the rights of every resident to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their value as human beings; and

WHEREAS, City of Lakewood accepts and welcomes people of all backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the City; and

WHEREAS, while we as a society are embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Pride is a time to recall the trials the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community has endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought — and continue to fight — for full equality; and

WHEREAS, Pride is both a jubilant communal celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self-worth and dignity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Council does hereby designate the month of June, 2021 as

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month

and encourages residents to recognize the valuable contributions and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the community face, to reaffirm our commitment against discrimination and injustice, and to wave their flags of pride high.

PROCLAIMED this 21st day of June, 2021.

Don Anderson, Mayor