

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its origin in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, the observance of June 19 (Juneteenth) as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth reminds us of the horrors of our country's past, commemorates African American freedom, acknowledges the resilience and determination that African Americans have shown, and pays homage to those who have paved the road to freedom in America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to recognize and honor the contributions that African Americans have made to our city, state and country; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a chance to reflect on the progress that must continue to ensure that all have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in our society; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is marked with celebrations, picnics, and family gatherings, and is a time for reflection and rejoicing, assessment, self-improvement and planning for the future; and

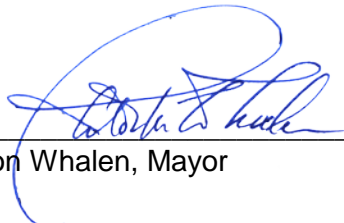
WHEREAS, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Council does hereby acknowledge June 19, 2022 as

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

and urges all residents to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in history and in the heritage of our nation and our City.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of June, 2022.



Jason Whalen, Mayor