CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Auto Body Council (NABC) is the premier organization of collision industry partners dedicated to strategic networking opportunities that positively change lives in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the NABC includes many Washington State-based companies including more than 100 local collision repair facilities, as well as regional offices for many NABC members; and

WHEREAS, USAA founded in 1922 by military officers, is among the leading providers of insurance, banking, and investment and retirement solutions to more than 13 million members of the U.S. military and veterans who have honorably served and their families, including some 290,000 in Washington State, and employs some 150 Washington State residents; and

WHEREAS, NABC Recycled Rides is a unique program in which businesses representing all facets of the collision repair industry team up to repair and donate vehicles to individuals and families in need of reliable transportation. Since the inception of the NABC Recycled Rides program in 2007, members of the NABC have donated some 3,000 vehicles valued at more than \$42 million; and

WHEREAS, USAA is celebrating its 100th anniversary by donating 100 NABC Recycled Rides vehicles to military recipients across the country, including five active duty military members serving at Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and

WHEREAS, NABC members based in the Seattle area including Lacey Collision Center, Trew Auto Body, Inc., Collision 1 – Auburn, 1st Class Collision – Burlington, and 1st Class Auto Body donated the time and talents to refurbish these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the NABC Recycled Rides program has presented some 40 vehicles in the state of Washington to deserving residents and veterans, contributions valued at some \$600,000 to those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council, do hereby proclaim July 21, 2022, as

USAA 100th ANNIVERSARY AND NABC® RECYCLED RIDES DAY

in the City of Lakewood.

PROCLAIMED this 21st day of July, 2022.

Jason Whalen, Mayor