

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latin Americans represent the largest minority group in the United States with more than 60 million residents, and in Lakewood more than 11,500 people of Hispanic or Latino heritage call our city home and have helped build and strengthen our community for generations at every level; and

**WHEREAS**, we proudly celebrate “Hispanic Heritage Month”, an observation that began in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, programs and revisiting our history; and

**WHEREAS**, from September 15 through October 15 we give special attention to honor the invaluable ways Hispanic and Latin Americans contribute to the fabric of our community by celebrating our common goals, learning about their diverse cultures, and working toward a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latin Americans have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs that make our nation great, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, in Lakewood Hispanic and Latino Americans are a significant and fast growing demographic representing the largest minority group, and their contributions to the city are invaluable including through small business ownership volunteerism and workforce support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood is grateful for businesses like Veteran Roofers, owned by longtime Lakewood resident Jose Gonzales, who for the last two years volunteered to assist the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce with its “Night of Lights” blue light campaign and hung lights on the rooflines of downtown businesses, exemplifying what it means to give back to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 as

## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and encourages our community to join us in celebrating the great contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans at our Fiesta De La Familia Street Festival on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at Colonial Plaza

PROCLAIMED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
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Jason Whalen, Mayor