

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, well maintained parks and playgrounds, a variety of nature trails and open spaces, places to gather like community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a city a desirable place to live, work, and visit; and

**WHEREAS**, parks are a place where a sense of community is created, where people can reflect, re-energize or socialize; a place where everyone is welcome regardless of age, race, beliefs or social and economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and open spaces provide a welcome respite from today's fast-paced, high-tech lifestyle, and contribute to our ongoing economic vitality and protect and preserve our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., volunteers of all ages will work at park sites around Lakewood, committing their time to clean up and beautify Fort Steilacoom Park, Harry Todd Park and the Lakewood Community Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, we could not do this annual cleanup and beautification work without the help of these hundreds of volunteers who step up year after year, representing our local businesses, community and civic groups and churches and organizations, to make sure our parks are ready for the busy spring and summer seasons.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 as

## PARKS APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Lakewood and urges all residents to show support by volunteering on April 22 at one of our park sites and to help beautify and protect our parks.

PROCLAIMED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Jason Whalen, Mayor