

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood recognizes that our community depends on the role safety plays in our homes, buildings and infrastructure, both in everyday life and when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through devotion of public servants like building safety and fire prevention officials, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry who work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these are experts in the built environment who create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play; and

WHEREAS, we invite our residents to join us in supporting and recognizing these experts alongside the Washington Association of Building Officials and local chapters throughout the state; representing the State of Washington in national and local matters of public safety; and

WHEREAS, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as snowstorms, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "It Starts With You," the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale; and

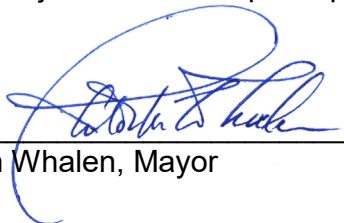
WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and encourages our residents to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of May, 2023.



Jason Whalen, Mayor