

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each May during the week surrounding May 15th, our nation salutes the American men and women who put their lives on the line every day to maintain public safety and hold accountable those who break the law; and

WHEREAS, over the last three years, the COVID-19 pandemic placed first responders at additional risk, dramatically impacting how they interact with the public and presenting challenges never faced before; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the 99 dedicated members of the Lakewood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 17,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty, including four members of the Lakewood Police Department in 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts we mourn the heroes taken from us only because they chose to serve, and we rededicate ourselves to carrying forward their noble legacy; and

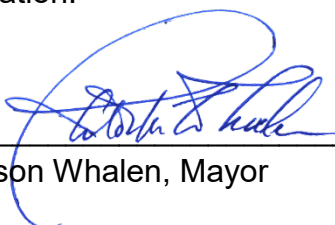
WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Council officially recognizes May 15 through May 21, 2023 as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in the City of Lakewood, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

PROCLAIMED this 15th day of May, 2023.



Jason Whalen, Mayor