

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood supports the rights of every resident to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, all people have the right to be treated on the basis of their value as human beings regardless of age, gender identity, race, skin color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood accepts and welcomes people of all backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, as our society learns to embrace evolving definitions of sexuality and gender, we acknowledge how the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride is a time to recall the trials the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community has endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought — and continue to fight — for full equality; and


**WHEREAS**, Pride is both a jubilant communal celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self-worth and dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Council does hereby designate the month of June 2023 as

### **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month**

and encourages residents to recognize the valuable contributions and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the community face and to reaffirm our commitment against discrimination and injustice.

PROCLAIMED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
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Jason Whalen, Mayor