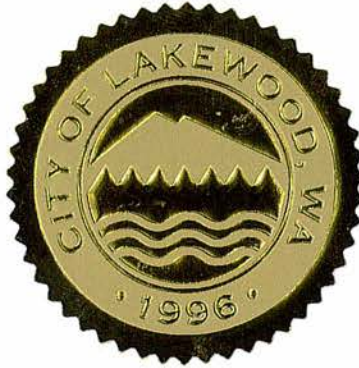


CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including in the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreational opportunities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhoods, ensuring the health of all residents, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our city and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs and events build healthy, active communities, represent our diverse community, are open to all ages and abilities, aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide services and opportunities for those with physical limitations and improve the mental and emotional health of all residents; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community and improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and play outdoors; and

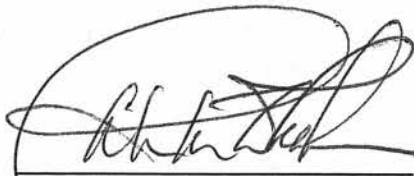
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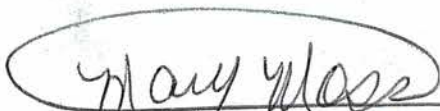
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Lakewood City Council declares the month of July as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and recognizes the significant benefits derived from parks and recreation resources and confirms its commitment to sustain and maintain our parks and open spaces, and recreation facilities for the benefit of our residents.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of July, 2023.



Jason Whalen, Mayor


Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor


Michael Brandstetter, Councilmember


Don Anderson, Councilmember


Patti Belle, Councilmember


Crestin Lauricella, Councilmember


Paul Bocchi, Councilmember