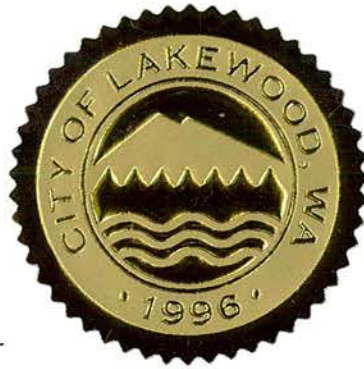


CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, national, federal, state, regional, and local governments have an interest in promoting the use of mediation and non-violent conflict resolution in settling a wide range of disputes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood promotes the use of creative and productive community based dispute resolution by qualified mediators; and

WHEREAS, mediation is an empowering, timely and effective way to settle disputes as attested to by an 86% settlement rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood believes the conflict resolution process and training increases the capacity of our community to turn conflict into productive resolutions which improves the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the third Thursday in October has been designated as International Conflict Resolution Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby declares October 19, 2023 as

COMMUNITY CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

in the City of Lakewood to increase awareness of the various civil, non-violent methods of conflict resolution available and extends appreciation to the Center for Dialog & Resolution, for the services they perform and their dedication to the communities they represent.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of October, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Whalen", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jason Whalen, Mayor