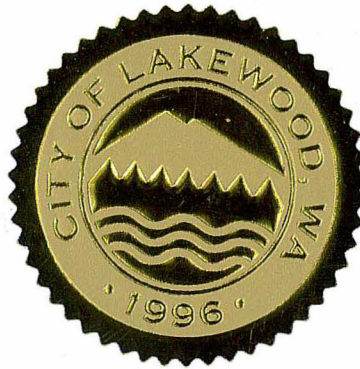


CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latin Americans represent the largest minority group in the United States with more than 60 million residents, and in Lakewood more than 11,500 people of Hispanic or Latino heritage call our city home and have helped build and strengthen our community for generations at every level; and

WHEREAS, we proudly celebrate "Hispanic Heritage Month", an observation that began in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, programs and revisiting our history; and

WHEREAS, from September 15 through October 15 we give special attention to honor the invaluable ways Hispanic and Latin Americans contribute to the fabric of our community by celebrating our common goals, learning about their diverse cultures, and working toward a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latin Americans have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs that make our nation great, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

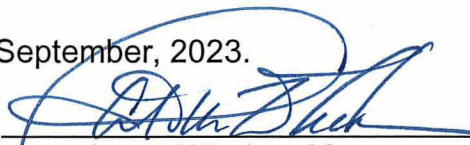
WHEREAS, in Lakewood Hispanic and Latin Americans are a significant and fast growing demographic representing the largest minority group, and their contributions to the city are invaluable including through small business ownership, volunteerism and workforce support.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and encourages our community to join us in celebrating the great contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans at our Fiesta De La Familia event on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 at Fort Steilacoom Park.


PROCLAIMED this 5th day of September, 2023.


Jason Whalen, Mayor

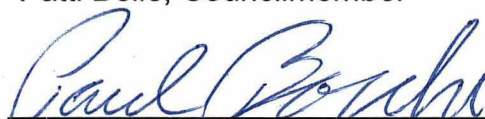

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