CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has celebrated the month of October as Filipino American History month since 2010, recognizing that a large number of Filipino Americans call Washington home, making it one of five states in the country with the largest Filipino populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has historically been an important arrival city for Filipino immigrants to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have served with distinction in all branches of the United States military and have contributed greatly to the economic, intellectual, spiritual, social, cultural and political vitality of the United States, Washington State and the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month provides an opportunity to promote the study of history, ethnicity and culture, and honor the contributions of Filipino Americans in our city, our state and our country; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American organizations such as the Filipino American League of Pierce County, Filipino Community Alliance, Filipino American National Historical Society-Greater Puget Sound Chapter, and the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society-Calugas Chapter are recognized for serving the Lakewood community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council hereby designates October 2023 and beyond as

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and urges all persons to join in on this special observance.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of October, 2023.

Jason Whalen, Mayor

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Don Anderson, Councilmember

Michael D. Brandstetter, Councilmember

J. Trestin Lauricella, Councilmember

Paul Bocchi, Councilmember

Patti Belle, Councilmember