

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we are here today to recognize Gomer Roseman, Director of Site Development & Construction, for Pierce County Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Gomer Roseman, has worked tirelessly to build affordable housing in Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, as early as March 16, 2009, fourteen years ago, Gomer appeared before the Lakewood City Council, representing Habitat for Humanity, expressing a strong desire to work with the City to build housing, and

WHEREAS, from that day forward began a housing partnership that remains in place today; and

WHEREAS, in Lakewood, Habitat for Humanity, under Gomer's leadership, constructed, so far, 41-houses, with another dozen being planned for construction; and

WHEREAS, nothing is easy when it comes to developing on Lakewood's passed-over, infill parcels; and

WHEREAS, Gomer had exceedingly difficult assignments where redevelopment required dangerous building abatement and public nuisance actions, street vacations, short plats, building and site development permits, new sewer installation, and, often, nothing ever "fit" the way it was supposed to; and

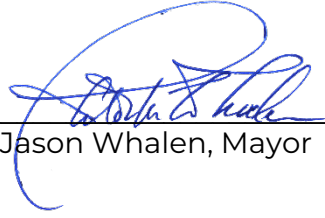
WHEREAS, Gomer persevered, no matter the difficulty; and

WHEREAS, Gomer helped start the career of a young man who later was, and is still employed by the Lakewood Community & Economic Development Department; and

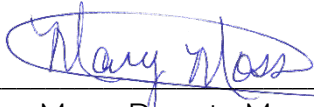
WHEREAS, other agencies, including Pierce County, the City of Tacoma, and the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, have all honored Gomer and his commitment to housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council hereby acknowledges Gomer Roseman for his successes, accomplishments and efforts to build new housing has changed lives and neighborhoods, and is a rich legacy that will not be forgotten.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of November, 2023.



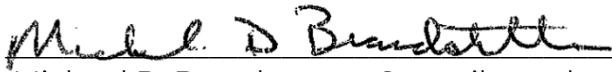
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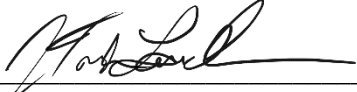
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