

# CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine have answered a high calling to serve and have helped protect and secure the United State of America at every turn; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal and ruthless tyrants, terrorists and militaries the world has ever known; and our veterans stood tall in the face of grave danger and enabled our nation to become the greatest force for freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their courage and exemplary service; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense and made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, on Veterans Day, we salute those who proudly wore the uniform of the United States of America and the families who sacrificed alongside them, and we affirm our sacred duty as citizens to express our enduring gratitude, both in words and in actions, for their service; and

**WHEREAS**, these brave men and women and their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, as many veterans face overwhelming unknowns, through community collaborations we can ensure that those who have served their nation receive the resources and support they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded provides a source of permanent inspiration to ensure our unwavering support as a community; and


**WHEREAS**, through their commitment to freedom, our veterans have positively impacted millions of lives and made our country and the world more secure, and the City of Lakewood resolves that their sacrifices will always be remembered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim November 11, 2023 as Veterans Day and the month of November 2023 as

**VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH**

in the City of Lakewood and encourages all residents to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans and to actively support our local veterans and their family members.

**PROCLAIMED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.



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Jason Whalen, Mayor



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Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor



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