

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Don Anderson has served the City of Lakewood with distinction and professionalism since January 2008, serving his first five years as Deputy Mayor before becoming Mayor in January 2013, a position he held until January 2022; and

WHEREAS, Anderson's meritorious service to the City of Lakewood totals sixteen years and demonstrates the highest level of dedication and excellence; and

WHEREAS, he has represented the city on the Association of Defense Communities Board of Directors, the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) Elected Officials Council, the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board, the Pierce Transit Board of Directors, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career Anderson's civic and community involvement included serving as Board President of Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region, President of the Puyallup School District Board and Board President of the Friends of American Lake Veterans Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Anderson demonstrated thoughtful leadership and strong vision as he helped orchestrate a number of city policy priorities from conception through completion; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the economic and strategic significance of Joint Base Lewis McChord, Anderson played a key leadership role in creating the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP), which provides a framework for collaboration in the South Sound region between local governments, military installations and state and federal agencies to better coordinate efforts in the area of military relations; and

WHEREAS, Anderson advocated at the state and federal levels and was instrumental in obtaining nearly \$500 million for critical improvements to the Interstate 5 corridor adjacent to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and multi-agency funding commitments for McChord Field clear zone property acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Anderson developed and strengthened relationships with Lakewood's Community Connector, the 2/2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the 62nd Airlift Wing, the 7th Infantry Division, the 1st Corps Headquarters, and the Washington National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Anderson deserves particular respect for his efforts supporting service members and their families which has been recognized by his induction into the Order of St. Maurice (Civis) by the National Infantry Association and selection to the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Civilian Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, under Anderson's leadership the City partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build healthy and affordable housing in the Lakewood community which has changes lives and improved neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, he has supported economic development initiatives, the local business community, public park investments, including needed restroom facilities, workforce development, education and housing programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and respect to Don Anderson for his dedication, character and professionalism during his many years of service to the Lakewood City Council, the residents of the City of Lakewood and greater Pierce County, and congratulates him as he transitions to the next phase of his fulfilling life and career.

PROCLAIMED this 18th day of December, 2023.

Jason Whalen, Mayor

Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Michael D. Brandstetter, Councilmember

Patti Belle, Councilmember

J. Trestin Lauricella, Councilmember

Paul Bocchi, Councilmember