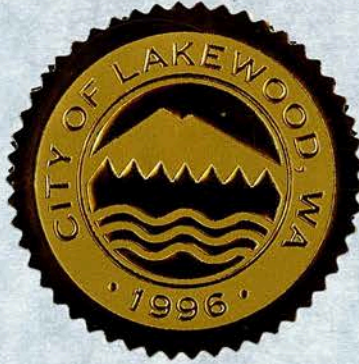


CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Michael David Bugher has served the City of Lakewood for twenty eight years with distinction and professionalism since the city's incorporation in February 1996 demonstrating unwavering commitment and remarkable leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bugher's meritorious municipal service totals forty-five years and demonstrates the highest level of dedication and excellence to the planning profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bugher has served tirelessly in the role of Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development contributing invaluable expertise, and passion to the advancement of the city; and

WHEREAS, under his guidance, Lakewood has seen significant advancements in community development, sustainable economic growth, and urban planning, contributing to the city's prosperity and the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bugher created and executed various long-range and strategic planning policies that has helped shape the city and its growth ensuring a balance between growth and the preservation of the community's unique character and encouraged public participation in the city's development process; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at enhancing the city's economic vitality, attracting businesses, fostering job creation, improving the quality of life for all residents, and providing sound and honest guidance throughout his exemplary career with the city; and

WHEREAS, his extensive experience in current and comprehensive planning, the Growth Management Act, military and civilian growth and coordination to include crafting a land use zoning scheme to protect the operations of JBLM and the safety of Lakewood's residents, environmental analysis, housing programs, code enforcement, and building code administration have left an indelible and significant mark on our community making it stronger, more vibrant and better positioned for future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bugher championed the expansion of safe, decent, and affordable housing for Lakewood residents through various programs and initiatives to include the establishment of the Rental Housing Safety Program and having established relationships with trade associations as well as affordable housing and manufactured housing advocates and champions to help the City's most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bugher has been a long-time leader in tribal relations with the Nisqually Indian Tribe on behalf of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, he has worked diligently and collaboratively with state agencies, regional local utilities, special districts, non-profit agencies, charities, and faith-based organizations to maximize partnerships and collaborations for the betterment of Lakewood and its residents; and

WHEREAS, he has proactively developed environmental and climate change policy for Lakewood, putting the city in a leadership position as state legislation is now being adopted; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bugher has been instrumental in the cleanup of countless properties citywide, working across city departments to make way for positive redevelopment; and

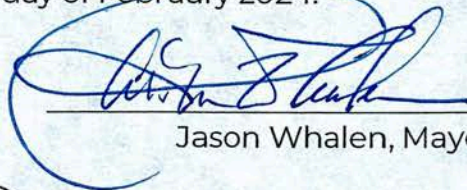
WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence, integrity, and public service has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, community leaders, and the residents of Lakewood.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and respect to

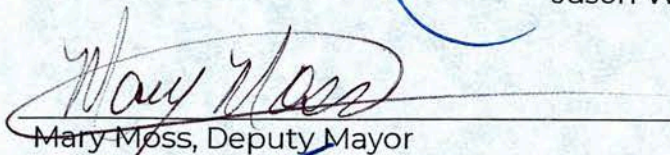
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for his dedication, character and professionalism during his years of service to the City of Lakewood and congratulates him for his years of devoted municipal service.

PROCLAIMED this 20th day of February 2024.



Jason Whalen, Mayor



Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor



Michael Brandstetter, Councilmember



Ryan Pearson, Councilmember



Patti Belle, Councilmember



J. Trestin Lauricella, Councilmember



Paul Bocchi, Councilmember