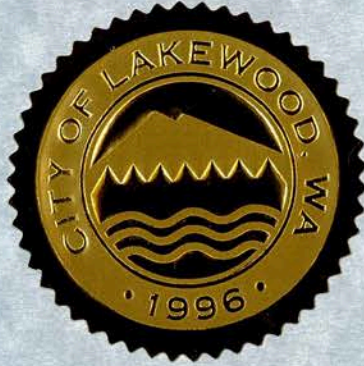


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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the VA Puget Sound Health Care System is dedicated to improving the lives of Veterans and their families everyday; and

WHEREAS, the American Lake VA campus opened in 1923 as the 94th Veterans Hospital to be constructed by the War Department for the provision of care to World War I Veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 1924 the Medical Center was dedicated and on March 15, 1924, the first 50 patients were admitted to hospital; and

WHEREAS, the American Lake VA Medical Center holds a special place in the hearts of the Lakewood community serving as a beacon of hope, healing and support for our veterans; and

WHEREAS, for a century, the American Lake VA Medical Center has provided comprehensive care to those who have served our country with honor and sacrifice, offering medical, mental, and emotional health, rehabilitation, and long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, the American Lake VA Medical Center should be honored and celebrated for delivering compassionate, high-quality, patient centered care for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the staff, volunteers and supporters of the American Lake VA Medical Center are saluted for their unwavering dedication, commitment and professionalism; and

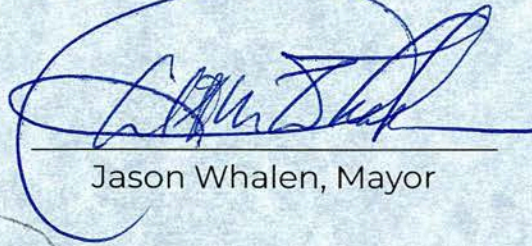
WHEREAS, the city honors the brave men and women who received care at the facility over the past century and expresses our deepest gratitude for their service to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim March 15, 2024 as the

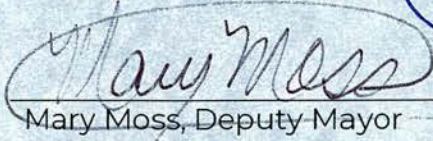
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of the American Lake VA Medical Center and reaffirms our commitment to supporting and advocating for the needs of our veterans and their families and ensuring they receive the respect, care and resources they have earned through their selfless service.

PROCLAIMED this 15th day March, 2024.



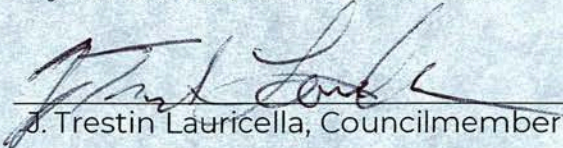
Jason Whalen, Mayor



Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor



Ryan Pearson, Councilmember



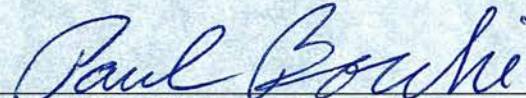
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