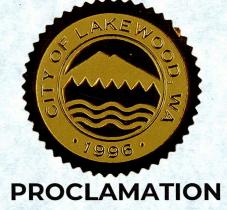
## **CITY OF LAKEWOOD**



WHEREAS, on April 11, 1968, the Fair Housing Act was enacted into law, recognizing that no American should lose their the right to purchase or rent housing of their choice because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 56th anniversary of this monumental Civil Rights Act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is committed to the mission and intent to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the location that individuals live has a direct impact on the quality of their health, education and access to economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation and our state; and

WHEREAS, discriminatory housing practices create racial and economic segregation in communities that can lead to disparate outcomes in overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood believes that access to fair housing laws have made our community stronger and city more vibrant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakewood is committed to promoting housing choices and fostering inclusive neighborhoods free from housing discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby recognize the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

## FAIR HOUSING ACT

and recognizes the many people and organizations in our community who have opened the doors of housing opportunity to all residents.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of April, 2024.

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