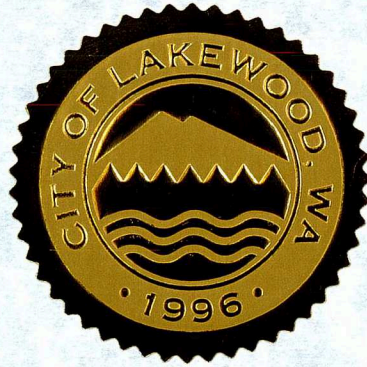


CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, well maintained parks and playgrounds, a variety of nature trails and open spaces, places to gather like community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a city a desirable place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, parks are a place where a sense of community is created, where people can reflect, re-energize or socialize; a place where everyone is welcome regardless of age, race, beliefs or social and economic status; and

WHEREAS, parks and open spaces provide a welcome respite from today's fast-paced, high-tech lifestyle, and contribute to our ongoing economic vitality and protect and preserve our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., volunteers of all ages will work at park sites around Lakewood, committing their time to clean up and beautify Fort Steilacoom Park, Harry Todd Park and the Lakewood Community Garden; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 27 at 12:00 P.M., the City and Pierce College will hold a Ribbon Cutting ceremony to dedicate the new baseball fields at Fort Steilacoom Park; and

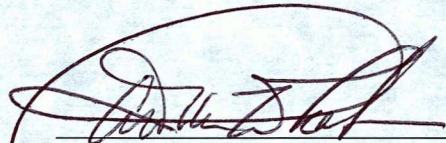
WHEREAS, we could not do this annual cleanup and beautification work without the help of these hundreds of volunteers who step up year after year, representing our local businesses, community and civic groups and churches and organizations, to make sure our parks are ready for the busy spring and summer seasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim April 27, 2024 as

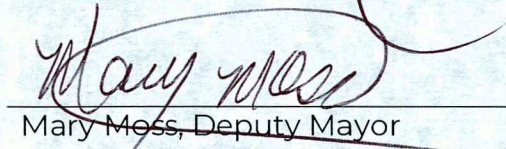
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in the City of Lakewood and urges all residents to show support by volunteering on April 27 at one of our park sites and to help beautify and protect our parks.

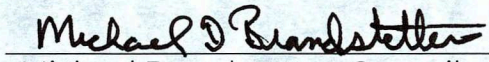
PROCLAIMED this 1st day of April, 2024.



Jason Whalen, Mayor



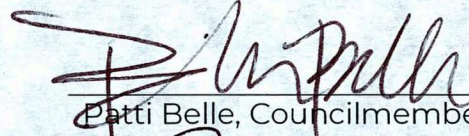
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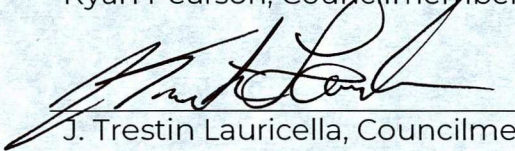
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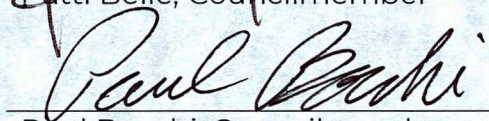
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