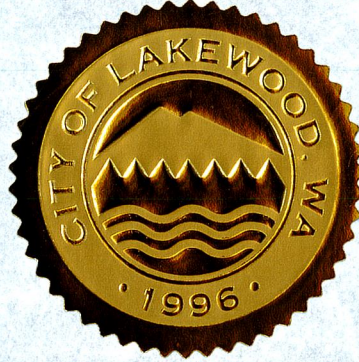


CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people should have access to decent, safe, and healthy affordable housing, and the escalating housing affordability crisis impacts all civic sectors and interests essential for vibrant community living; and

WHEREAS, one-third of all households in Pierce County, over 100,000 in total, are currently cost-burdened, spending more than thirty percent of their income on housing and have difficulty affording other necessities such as food, transportation, and medical care; the supply of affordable homes and the number of people experiencing homelessness remains at crisis levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood recognizes the impact that a lack of affordable housing has on public health, transportation, racial and social justice, economic development, child welfare, access to education, including pursuits in higher education, and family well-being, all of which impact the social determinants of health and welfare of residents; and

WHEREAS, the availability of stable, affordable housing provides for a foundation for family well-being, reducing the risk of family separation and supports positive child development; and

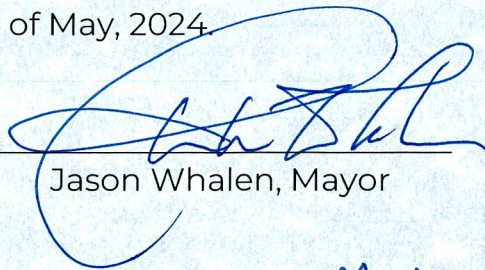
WHEREAS, to address the shortage of affordable housing, the City of Lakewood urges nonprofit organizations, funders, private developers, government agencies, and businesses to create cross-sector collaborations that will attract resources and increase efficiency to address social problems and support the further development of more affordable housing to build a healthier community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 through May 10, 2024 as

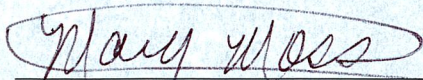
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in the City of Lakewood and affirms its commitment to expanding affordable housing through innovative cross-sector partnerships and collaboration. We recognize the indispensable role of affordable housing in achieving comprehensive community well-being and call upon all sectors of the community to join in recognizing the importance of housing affordability and to actively participate in the ongoing efforts to make affordable housing accessible for all residents, thereby strengthening the fabric of our community for generations to come.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of May, 2024.



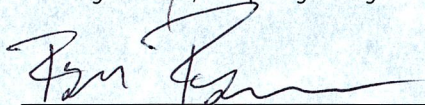
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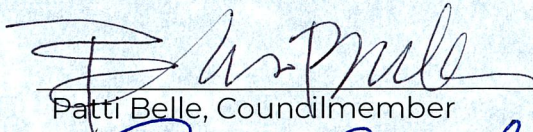
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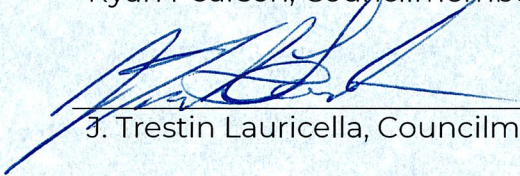
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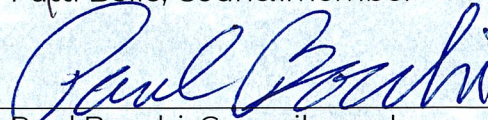
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