

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nations, federal, state, regional, and local governments have an interest in promoting civility, understanding, improved communication and conflict resolution via the use of facilitation, training, conciliation, and mediation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood promotes the use of and access to creative and productive community-based dispute resolution by highly qualified mediators; and

WHEREAS, mediation is an empowering, timely, and effective way to settle disputes as attested to by an 86% settlement rate; and

WHEREAS, anyone in the City of Lakewood has access to a community-mediation center to resolve conflicts between family members, neighbors, tenants, landlords, merchants, consumers, employees, employers, schools, civic organizations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions and taxpayers in the State of Washington save millions of dollars annually in court costs for cases that have been settled by community-based dispute resolution centers rather than court hearings; and

WHEREAS, the conflict resolution process and training increases the capacity of our community to turn conflict into productive resolutions and this improves the quality of life for all residents; and

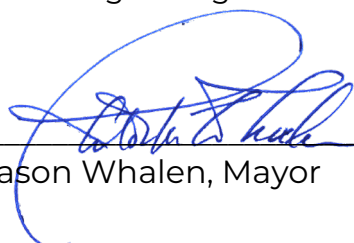
WHEREAS, the third Thursday in October has been designated as Conflict Resolution Day since 2005 and recognized internationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby declares October 17, 2024 as

COMMUNITY CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

In the City of Lakewood and extend our deepest appreciation to the Center for Dialog & Resolution, for the vital services they perform, their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent and encourages residents to attend their **ZAZZ: Dinner & Auction on Friday, October 18th at 6:30 P.M.**, to celebrate their 30 years of peacemaking in Pierce County and is a tribute to their unwavering commitment to fostering dialog and understanding, helping to build a more connected community for all.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of October, 2024.



Jason Whalen, Mayor