CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 men, women and children who were going about their normal routines were taken from us, depriving families and loved ones of a lifetime of precious moments; and

WHEREAS, in the years that followed we worked to rebuild our nation, more sound and resilient than ever before, united and determined to strengthen our country's character with acts of endurance and hope, renewal and progress; and

WHEREAS, the pain inflicted on our nation on September 11 was felt by people of every race, background and faith. Though many young Americans have grown up without knowing firsthand the horrors of that day, their lives have been shaped by it; and

WHEREAS, the compassion that rose in the hearts and minds of the American people following September 11 serves as the ultimate rebuke on those who wish evil on this great nation; and

WHEREAS, first responders who risked and gave their lives to rescue others demonstrated the unwavering heroism that defines our country; and

WHEREAS, on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m**. the public is invited to attend a Remembrance Ceremony at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 31 to reflect on the 23rd anniversary of the attacks, the lives lost, and pay tribute to the families who still live with extraordinary pain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaims September 11, 2024 as

PATRIOT DAY AND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

and urges all residents to observe a moment of silence to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and to observe this day with remembrance in honor of those individuals.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of September, 2024

Jason Whalen, Mayor

Ryan Pearson, Councilmember

Michael D. Brandstetter, Councilmember

Paul Bocchi, Councilmember