

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Monday, January 20, 2025, is designated as a federal holiday celebrating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who dedicated his life to the fundamental principles of freedom, opportunity, and equal justice to all; and

WHEREAS, such recognition is a direct result of his many contributions to society through his deeds and words; and

WHEREAS, through his march on Washington and the “I Have a Dream” speech, Dr. King reached a world-wide audience and was recognized by people from all walks of life as the conscience of an entire nation; and

WHEREAS, all Americans are reminded that our nation recognizes that all men are created equal and should be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is committed to the ideals of a free society and is a community of great cultural diversity which it values and celebrates, and is dedicated to the fraternity and community of all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood will again honor the distinguished legacy of Dr. King by uniting for a MLK Welcome Walk for our Beloved Community on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 12 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park; and

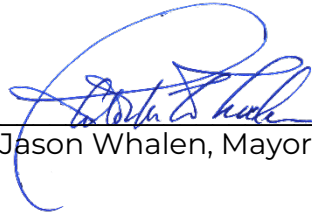
WHEREAS, the City will also host an Art Reception on Monday, January 13, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lakewood City hall featuring work of artist Rodney King, Jazz from saxophonist Maureese Itson and a spoken word performance by Shaidaja Wilson-Dunham.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaims Monday, January 20, 2025 as the

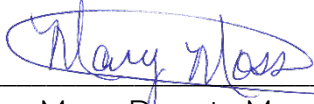
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

in the City of Lakewood and invites all residents to join us in this observance.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of January, 2025.



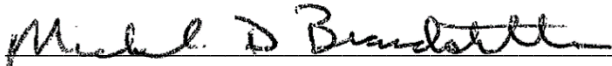
Jason Whalen, Mayor



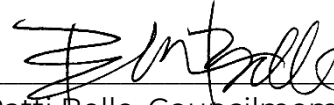
Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor



Ryan Pearson, Councilmember



Michael D. Brandstetter, Councilmember



Patti Belle, Councilmember



J. Trestin Lauricella, Councilmember



Paul Bocchi, Councilmember