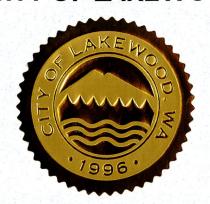
## CITY OF LAKEWOOD



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** the month of April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin; and

**WHEREAS,** fair housing is a fundamental right, ensuring that all individuals have the opportunity to secure housing free from discrimination and enjoy the dignity of equal access to housing opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** housing providers, real estate professionals, policymakers, community leaders, and advocates play a critical role in upholding fair housing laws and promoting equitable housing practices that strengthen our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the principles of fair housing support inclusive communities, economic growth, and neighborhood stability, benefiting both housing providers and residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lakewood recognizes that ongoing education, training, and enforcement of fair housing laws are essential to eliminating discrimination and ensuring that housing opportunities remain open to all; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lakewood City Council do hereby recognize April, 2025 as

## **FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in the City of Lakewood and recognizes the many people and organizations in our community who have opened the doors of housing opportunity to all residents.

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