

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Korean War which began on June 25, 1950 and ended with a ceasefire agreement on July 27, 1953, was one of the most impactful wars in American history, resulting in nearly 140,000 American casualties; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 2 million Americans served in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, the alliance between the United States and South Korea formed in 1953 following the end of the Korean War and since then the United States has maintained a strong military presence in South Korea where approximately 28,500 troops are stationed; and

WHEREAS, the alliance has grown beyond military cooperation, with economic and cultural ties strengthened over time; and

WHEREAS, the organizations like the Korean American Association of Tacoma play a crucial role in supporting the community; and

WHEREAS, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War is an opportunity to recognize the hardships and sacrifices and heroic contributions made during the Korean War.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby recognize the

75th COMMEMORATION OF THE KOREAN WAR

And honors the service and sacrifice of American and Korean servicemembers who fought valiantly in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953 and encourages residents to attend the Korean War Memorial Event on Saturday, June 21, 2025 in Olympia.

PROCLAIMED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2025.

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