

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood supports the rights of every resident to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all people have the right to be treated fairly on the basis of their value as human beings regardless of age, gender identity, race, skin color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood accepts and welcomes people of all backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the City; and

WHEREAS, as our society learns to embrace evolving definitions of sexuality and gender, we acknowledge how the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Pride is a time to recall the trials the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities have endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought — and continue to fight — for full equality; and

WHEREAS, Pride is both a jubilant communal celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self-worth and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Oasis Youth Center is celebrating 40 years of service at its annual fundraiser Big Hat Brunch, which is a celebration of queer youth on July 19, 2025 at 11 a.m. at the Silver Cloud Hotel at Point Ruston Waterfront.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakewood City Council does hereby designate the month of June 2025 as

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER+ PRIDE MONTH

and encourages all residents to recognize the valuable contributions and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of this community face and to reaffirm our commitment against discrimination and injustice.
PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of June, 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