

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, City of Lakewood actively promotes the use of and access to creative and productive community-based dispute resolution by highly qualified mediators; and

WHEREAS, mediation is an empowering, timely, and effective way to settle disputes as attested to by an 86% settlement rate; and

WHEREAS, residents in the City of Lakewood has access to a community-mediation center to resolve conflicts between family members, neighbors, tenants, landlords, merchants, consumers, employees, employers, schools, civic organizations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions and taxpayers in the State of Washington save significant resources in time and money annually with district and superior court cases that have been settled by community-based dispute resolution centers rather than court hearings; and

WHEREAS, the conflict resolution process and training increases the capacity of our community to turn conflict into productive resolutions; and

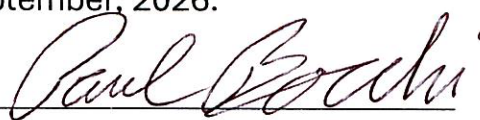
WHEREAS, the third Thursday in October has been designated as Conflict Resolution Day since 2005 and recognized internationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mayor Paul Bocchi, hereby declare October 15, 2026 as

COMMUNITY CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

In the City of Lakewood and extend appreciation to the Center for Dialog & Resolution, for the services they perform and their dedication to the communities they represent.

Declared this 18th day of September, 2026.


Paul Bocchi, Mayor