

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 2026 is recognized nationwide as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), a time dedicated to celebrating the contributions, talents, and achievements of workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 NDEAM theme, "Celebrating Value and Talent," recognizes the essential role individuals with disabilities have played in building and strengthening our nation's workforce, communities, and economy; and

WHEREAS, NDEAM serves to educate employers, employees, and communities about disability employment issues and the importance of ensuring equal access to career opportunities for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities contribute valuable skills, innovation, perspectives, and leadership that strengthen workplaces, enhance productivity, and enrich our communities; and

WHEREAS, inclusive employment practices help create a workforce that reflects the diversity of our nation and provides opportunities for individuals to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independence, and full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, organizations, employers, workforce partners, and community agencies continue to champion employment opportunities that recognize the value and talent of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to recruiting, hiring, retaining, advancing, and supporting qualified individuals with disabilities in the workplace.

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

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Lakewood and encourages all employers, employees, educational institutions, workforce partners, and community organizations to recognize and celebrate the value and talent of people with disabilities while advancing equitable employment opportunities for all.

Declared this 21st day of September, 2026.


Paul Bocchi, Mayor