

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from September 15 through October 15 to honor the history, cultures, and enduring contributions of Americans whose ancestry traces to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, this observance begins on September 15, marking the independence anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and coincides with the independence celebrations of Mexico and Chile; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, educational, scientific, artistic, military, civic, and political life of our nation, enriching communities through leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, public service, and the preservation of diverse traditions; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our communities is enhanced by the rich diversity of Hispanic cultures, languages, traditions, and perspectives, which inspire greater understanding, foster unity, and strengthen the bonds that connect us; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of Hispanic Americans, celebrate their lasting impact on our shared history, and encourage future generations to continue building a more inclusive and prosperous society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim September 15, 2026 through October 15, 2026 as

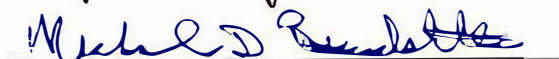
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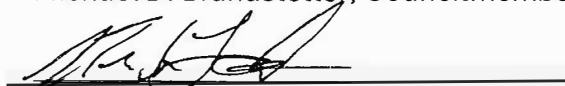
in the City of Lakewood and encourages our community to join us in celebrating at our Fiesta De La Familia event on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park.

PROCLAIMED this 8th day of September, 2026.

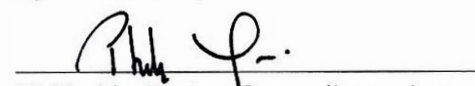

Paul Bocchi, Mayor

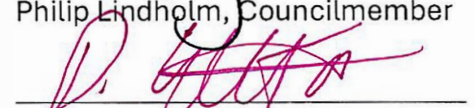

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