

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month is observed annually during the month of October to recognize, honor, and celebrate the rich history, culture, achievements, and contributions of Filipino Americans throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, October commemorates the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in what is now the continental United States on October 18, 1587, marking more than four centuries of Filipino presence and influence in American history; and October has been recognized nationally as Filipino American History Month to acknowledge the significant role Filipino Americans have played in shaping our nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington is home to a vibrant Filipino American community who have made lasting contributions to society through service and leadership in labor, agriculture, military service, healthcare, education, government, business, science, technology, the arts, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood's Filipino American business community, including establishments such as Maresol Restaurant, Paraiso Filipino Food, NBrother's Bakery, Pinoy Bake Shop, Tagpuan Variety store, and other locally owned businesses, contributes to the economic vitality, cultural enrichment, and community character of our city while preserving and sharing Filipino traditions, cuisine, and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, local organizations including the Filipino American National Historical Society Greater Puget Sound Chapter (FANHSGPS), the Filipino-American League of Pierce County, the Captain Jose C. Calugas, Sr. Chapter Philippine Scouts Heritage Society, and the Pierce County Filipino Seniors Association have helped preserve American history through the Filipino experience, support cultural and educational initiatives, honor military service and sacrifice, promote civic engagement, and strengthen the Filipino American community in Lakewood and throughout Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, youth organizations such as American Kapwa Youth Leadership (AKYL), comprised of Filipino American student leaders from Clover Park High School, Lakes High School, and Harrison Preparatory School, help foster cultural pride, leadership development, academic achievement, community service, and civic engagement while inspiring future generations to preserve and share the Filipino American experience; and

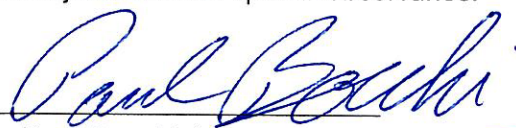
WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month provides an opportunity for residents, schools, businesses, community organizations, and public institutions to celebrate Filipino American heritage and honor the generations whose achievements, sacrifices, and service continue to strengthen our city, state, and nation.

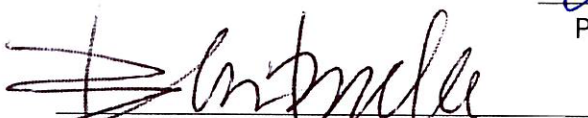
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaims October, 2026 as

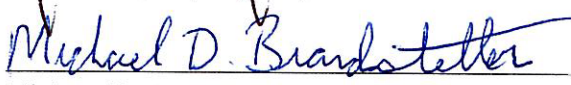
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in the City of Lakewood and encourage all persons to join in on this special observance.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of October, 2026.

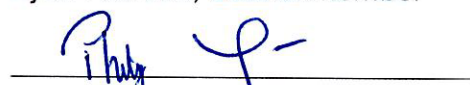

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