CITY OF LAKEWOOD

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine have answered the call to serve our nation with honor, courage, and dedication, defending our freedoms, protecting our national security, and safeguarding the ideals upon which the United States of American was founded; and

WHEREAS, generations of American servicemembers and veterans have answered the call of duty in times of war and peace, confronting extraordinary challenges and dangers in defense of our nation, its allies, and the principles of liberty, democracy, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood recognizes and honors the courage, commitment, and exemplary service of all veterans, whose sacrifices and steadfast devotion to duty have helped preserve our nation's security and strengthen the freedoms we cherish; and

WHEREAS, we solemnly remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country, honor those who were wounded or continue to bear the physical and invisible wounds of service, and recognize all who have served faithfully in defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we pay tribute to all who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and acknowledge the families and loved ones whose unwavering support, resilience, and sacrifice have been an essential part of their service; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifices of our veterans continue to inspire future generations to uphold the values of patriotism, civic responsibility, compassion, and service to others, while advancing the cause of peace and freedom throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the enduring patriotism, selflessness, and dedication of our veterans serve as a lasting source of inspiration and remind us of the importance of recognizing their contributions not only through words of gratitude, but also through meaningful and sustained action within our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood reaffirms its commitment to honoring the legacy of our nation's veterans, supporting veterans and their families, and ensuring that their service, courage, and sacrifices are remembered and respected by current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaims November 11, 2026, as Veterans Day and the month of November 2026 as

VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Lakewood and encourages all residents, businesses, community organizations, and institutions to join in honoring our nation's veterans, recognizing their invaluable contributions and take meaningful steps to support veterans and their families throughout our community. **PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of November, 2026.**

Paul Bocchi, Mayor

Patti Belle, Deputy Mayor

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