

City of Lakewood Proclamation

Honoring Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May 1, 2023

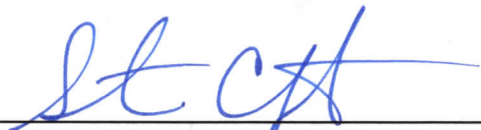
WHEREAS, the month of May celebrates Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States and is deserving of recognition and honor; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played vital roles in shaping the nation—from building the Transcontinental Railroad to advocating for labor law changes to fighting in multiple wars, making these contributions while also facing persistent discrimination and violence throughout United States history; and

WHEREAS, with generations having enriched America's history, the diverse and growing population of Asian and Pacific Islander descendants make up more than 23 million people in the United States, and in less than 50 years nearly one of every ten people in America will trace his or her heritage to Asia and the Pacific—a region that covers more than one third of the earth; and

WHEREAS, a key element of Lakewood's Community Dialogue on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is celebrating the diversity of cultures that we are proud to have as part of our community, and Asian American and Pacific Islanders comprise at least 15% of our residents and are a vital part of the Lakewood community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Croft, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the Lakewood City Council and the entire Lakewood community, do hereby acknowledge Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourage our residents to honor and commemorate the history and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in our community, state and nation.



STEVE CROFT
MAYOR

