

City of Lakewood Proclamation

Honoring Black History Month

February 2024

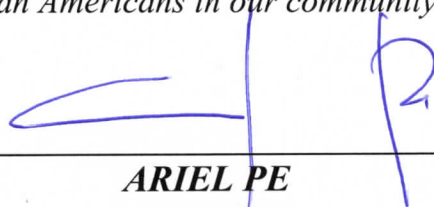
WHEREAS, each February, Black History Month celebrates the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development and is deserving of recognition and honor; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the work of prominent African Americans including noted historian Carter G. Woodson, who founded what is known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and who founded an initial commemorative week that inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local festivities, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures that have since morphed into a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "African Americans and the Arts" spans the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements and more, historically serving as change agents through their talents and crafts; 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 promoting an inclusive community in which all residents—past, present, and future—are respected and treated equally,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ariel Pe, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the Lakewood City Council and the entire Lakewood community, do hereby acknowledge Black History Month and encourage our residents to honor and commemorate the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, state and nation.



ARIEL PE
MAYOR

