

City of Lakewood  
**Proclamation**  
**Honoring National**  
**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**September 15 – October 15, 2023**

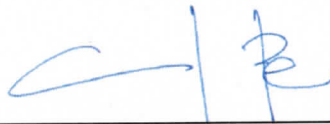
**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of National Hispanic Heritage month celebrates the rich histories, cultures and contributions of Americans from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Spain and is deserving of recognition and honor; and

**WHEREAS**, President Johnson first proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, and President Reagan expanded the observation in 1988 to cover a 30-day period to encourage the American people to learn even more about the heritage and legacy of Americans of Hispanic descent; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic culture had deeply enriched American culture—be it through food, art, music or the substantial contributions of countless individuals who are of Hispanic descent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic population in the United States is our nation's largest racial or ethnic minority at nearly 19% of the total population, and 34% of Lakewood residents are Hispanic; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ariel Pe, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the Lakewood City Council and the entire Lakewood community, do hereby acknowledge National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage our residents to honor the heritage and legacy of our Lakewood residents of Hispanic descent.**



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**ARIEL PE**  
**MAYOR**

