## Proclamation

## Honoring Women's History Month

## **March 2024**

- WHEREAS, each March, Women's History Month is a time to highlight, celebrate and honor women and the vital roles they have held in American history and across the world with significant contributions to history, culture and society, including women's struggles for the right to vote and equality under the law; and
- WHEREAS, a key element of Lakewood's Community Dialogue on Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is celebrating the diversity of our community, inclusive of race, sex and origin, and promoting a city in which all residents are respected and treated equally; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has launched a Women's Success and Leadership Series, coined as LeadHer Lakewood, to engage, empower and bring together the women of this city in a four-part series during the month of March; and
- WHEREAS, starting in 2022, and continuing through 2025, the U.S. Mint is releasing new quarters featuring American women who changed the nation and the world as part of the American Women Quarters TM Program with 20 pioneering American women on their own quarter including icons like Maya Angelou, Sally Ride and Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as highly respected trailblazers like indigenous Hawaiian composer, custodian of native culture and traditions Edith Kanaka ole, and Wilma Mankiller, the first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ariel Pe, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the Lakewood City Council and the entire Lakewood community, do hereby acknowledge Women's History Month and encourage our residents to honor and commemorate the many contributions and achievements of women in our community, state and nation.

ARIEL PE MAYOR

