

PROCLAIMING LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2024

- WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council on January 26, 2021 approved a Community Dialogue Action Plan on race, equity, diversity and inclusion, with the goal of building on all the good in Lakewood and making our city the safest, most welcoming place it can be, for everyone; and
- WHEREAS, a key element of that Action Plan was the recognition of calendar commemorations that honor and celebrate the diversity of people and cultures that we are proud to have in Lakewood, including our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer residents; and
- WHEREAS, June is commemorated as LGBTQ Pride Month by the federal and state governments and thousands of cities, businesses and organizations around the nation; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ Pride Month traces its origins to 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City where a courageous group of Americans resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become the birth of the modern sexual orientation civil rights movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Todd Rogers, Mayor of Lakewood, on behalf of the Lakewood City Council and the entire Lakewood community, do hereby declare June to be LGBTQ Pride Month in Lakewood and encourage residents to learn more about the history of LGBTQ Americans, their struggles for civil rights, and their many achievements, as our city continues to honor and celebrate the diversity of our residents and our community.

TODD ROGERS

