

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, adopting and designating the Oregon White Oak (Garry Oak) as the Official Tree of the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood's official city flower is the camellia and there exists no official city tree; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak's scientific name, *Quercus garryana*, was chosen to honor Nicholas Garry, who served as Deputy Governor of the Hudson Bay Company; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak has several common names including Garry oak, Oregon oak, Oregon white oak, and white oak; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak is the only native oak in Washington and British Columbia, and the principle native oak of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Oregon White Oak is a hardy tree, able to withstand both lengthy flooding and drought, can sprout from cut stumps and root collars, and their roots go deeper than many other tree types; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak can grow to be hundreds of years old; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak provides much-needed and favorable habitat for wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak provides numerous environmental, economic, health and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the tree offers ornamental value throughout the city of Lakewood with its green foliage, and magnificent crowns; and

WHEREAS, other communities have honored the Oregon White Oak including Tacoma, Washington, where an Oak Tree Park has been established; Oak Bay, British Columbia, which is named after the tree; and Corvallis, Oregon, which has chosen to protect oak savannah remnants; and Oak Harbor, Washington, named after the tree; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon White Oak makes a fitting selection as the official tree for the City of Lakewood because it has adapted favorably to the Lakewood climate and geography.

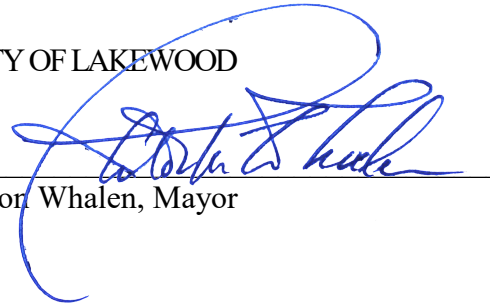
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lakewood City Council hereby adopts and designates the Oregon White Oak as the Official Tree of the City of Lakewood and supports the protection of Oregon White Oak trees and the ecosystem in which they are located, consistent with the State Environmental Policy Act, the Growth Management Act, and locally adopted regulations.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.


PASSED by the City Council this 7th day of November, 2022.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



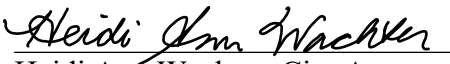
Jason Whalen, Mayor

Attest:



Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney