

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington and the Board of Directors of the Clover Park School District expressing a commitment to valuing diversity, equity and inclusion.

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Lakewood and the Clover Park School District value and acknowledge that diversity, equity, and inclusion are essential to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors recognize the critical role that city and school leaders have in affirming differences, removing barriers to access and opportunity, and facilitating a culture of inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors recognize systemic inequality and racism has been a barrier to assuring the basic principles of diversity, equity, inclusion for historically marginalized people groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors value the multifaceted way embracing diversity enables the community to be a welcoming and inclusive place to live, work and enjoy life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors believes that the road to systemic equity and inclusive practices is a journey that can consistently be achieved through meaningful collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors celebrates our community's diversity and is committed to fostering a community that welcomes all people who live, work, and go to school here, regardless of their national origin, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, financial or socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors met in January 2021, and have agreed to continue partnering in furthering these efforts and is committed to collaborate, develop and lead diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and share resources for the benefit of our respective organizations and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lakewood City Council and Clover Park School District Board of Directors believes that by working together, sharing our perspectives and implementing targeted practices to improve the well-being of historically marginalized members in our community we can take steps closer to more justice and more fairness in the community of Lakewood.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, DO HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

Section 1. Proclaim that we reaffirm our community's shared values of diversity, equity, inclusion, compassion, respect, and dignity; and our commitment to building a community in which everyone and especially people of historically marginalized identities have the opportunity to thrive; and we encourage all citizens to likewise affirm these values.

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

PASSED by the City Council and Board of Directors this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Don Anderson, Mayor

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Marty Schafer, Board President

Attest:

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Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Heidi Wachter, City Attorney

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**DUE TO LACK OF MOTION THE RESOLUTION DIED.  
APRIL 19, 2021.**