

PROCLAMATION

Declaring August 28 Incorporation Day in the City of Lakewood

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1969, a broad array of neighborhoods with strong identities from Bear Creek and Alameda to Applewood and the Glens to Westgate and Green Mountain to Eiber, Two Creeks and Morse Park came together to form a new city; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation of the new city grew from a desire to improve public safety, to ensure that the community's children would be educated locally and to control the destiny of these long-established neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the effort resulted in the largest incorporation in the country to date at the time; and

WHEREAS, on a vote of 8,478 votes in favor of incorporation to 3,371 votes against incorporation, the neighborhoods supported the formation of a new city; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1969, the City of Jefferson City, later changed as a result of an advisory vote of the residents to the City of Lakewood, was officially incorporated and the first municipal officers were sworn into office; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the City's formation, the City Council wishes to recognize the historic day of the City's incorporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Lakewood, I, Bob Murphy, Mayor of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim August 28 from this point forward as

INCORPORATION DAY

in the City of Lakewood.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the City of Lakewood, this 24th day of August 2009.

Bob Murphy, Mayor