

**City of Lacey
Official Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the children of our nation are a valuable asset and are the future leaders of our country; and

WHEREAS, democracy can only thrive with a literate, informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS, teaching our children to read is a paramount task of parents and caring adults; and is basic to the success of children; and

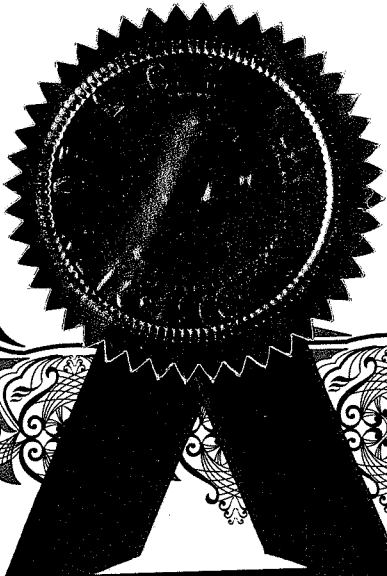
WHEREAS, Readers Are Leaders Day will call public attention to the importance of educating more people regarding the lifelong benefits that "20 minutes a day" of reading has on young children, and;

WHEREAS, how the young readers of today will be the informed leaders of tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Graeme Sackrison, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, proclaim Saturday, November 8, 2003, as

"READERS ARE LEADERS DAY"

in the City of Lacey and encourage all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of reading as a family.



Graeme Sackrison

Mayor Graeme Sackrison
November 6, 2003