

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, democratically owned and operated, and founded by people working together toward economic advancement; and

WHEREAS, credit unions embrace a “people helping people” philosophy by pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, empowering their members to improve their financial futures and uniting to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, credit unions have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the communities in which they have served since they were founded more than 150 years ago; and

WHEREAS, credit unions have championed the idea that people from all walks of life should have access to lower-cost financial services offered by credit unions; and

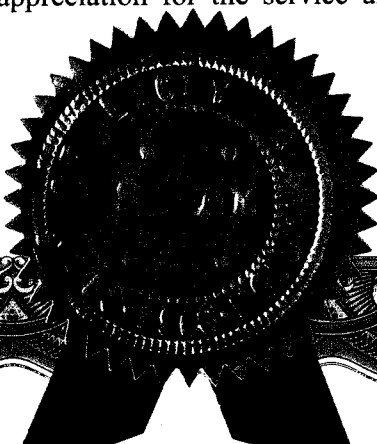
WHEREAS, credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations in 97 nations around the world at over 46,000 credit unions currently serving the financial needs of more than 172 million worldwide members, including 2.2 million members in Washington State, associated through local, state, national, and international organizations sharing the same commitment to serving credit union members; and

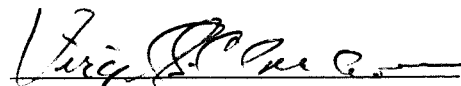
WHEREAS, credit unions are developing strong alliances that make financial democracy possible in many countries such as Afghanistan, Kenya, Mexico, Japan, New Zealand, Ukraine, and throughout the rest of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Virgil Clarkson, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2007, as:

Credit Union Day

and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions credit unions have made to the communities in this state, both tangible and intangible, and honor and express appreciation for the service and commitment of Washington state’s credit unions.





Mayor Virgil S. Clarkson
October 11, 2007