



**CITY OF LACEY**  
***Official Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Lewis, established in 1917, later becoming Fort Lewis, and in 1927, Pierce County established an airfield, and in 1939, that airfield was transferred to the United States Government and became McChord Field; and

**WHEREAS**, Camp Lewis, formed with the War Department's blessings in 1917 when the citizens of Pierce County voted to bond themselves for \$2 million to purchase 68,721 acres of land on the Nisqually Plain, which was given to the federal government for military use as a permanent army post; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2010, Camp Lewis, later known as Fort Lewis, and, McChord Field, later known as McChord Air Force Base, consolidated facilities and became Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and

**WHEREAS**, Joint Base Lewis-McChord units deployed and provided essential support during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, and the Gulf Wars. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, units played a key role in the Global War on Terrorism, deploying for Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and many other deployments, exercises, and contingency operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey is proud of its military connection with Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and enjoys a strong relationship with the 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey is home to the largest active duty military personnel population living off base, and supports the 32,000 military veterans who live in the greater Thurston County community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby recognize and celebrate the

***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joint Base Lewis-McChord***

and encourage all citizens of the City of Lacey to recognize our military men and women who serve, or have served, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord for their contributions to our nation's security; to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans and those who served in harm's way; and to actively support our military, veterans, and their family members.



Mayor Andy Ryder  
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