

**CITY OF LACEY**  
*Official Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, The City of Lacey in the state of Washington has always supported its military veteran population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat-wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey Washington has many active duty military residents and many military veterans in its population including several Purple Heart recipients, and residents who have been KIA; and

**WHEREAS**, Lacey appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms and believe it is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim the City of Lacey as

*A Purple Heart City*

and encourage the citizens of the City of Lacey to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.



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Mayor Andy Ryder  
September 14, 2017