

**CITY OF LACEY**  
*Official Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the national Wreaths Across America program honoring Veterans began in 2007 as an expansion of the Worcester Wreaths program at Arlington National Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the national Wreaths Across America mission is to "Remember the Fallen, Honor Those Who Serve and Teach Our Children the Value of Freedom" with the laying of Christmas wreaths on veteran's graves on the second or third Saturday in December of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the fundraising for the 2017 Wreaths Across America program at Camp Lewis Cemetery was led by the Mary Ball Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Camp Lewis Cemetery; 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; and


**WHEREAS**, volunteers from Lacey will be present to help adorn the gravesites at the Camp Lewis Cemetery and other veterans' cemeteries statewide in a stirring tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who have guarded and preserved our nation's freedom throughout history.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby recognize and celebrate December 16 as

*National Wreaths Across America Day*

in the City of Lacey, and encourage citizens to participate and honor those who have fallen in defense of our nation.



  
Mayor Andy Ryder  
December 7, 2017