

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, Better Hearing Month calls attention to the fact that hearing loss is widespread and impacts many people in this community directly and recognizes that many of us have family, friends and co-workers with hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20% of the American population experiences hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60% of people with hearing loss are in the work force or in school; and

WHEREAS, almost 15% of school-age children (ages 6-19) have some degree of hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, many individuals do not get treatment for hearing loss because of a perceived stigma or embarrassment; and

WHEREAS, untreated hearing loss can lead to communication challenges, isolation, depression, loss of functionality in the workplace, reduced earnings, increased falls, and possible progression to dementia; and

WHEREAS, diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss can help avoid these consequences; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as Better Hearing Month for over 75 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

Better Hearing Month

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all citizens to get an audiology exam and follow recommendations for treatment, if any.



Mayor Andy Ryder
May 10, 2018