

# **CITY OF LACEY**

## ***Official Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, in 1852, the area now known as the Lacey Historical Neighborhood was homesteaded by an industrious settler named Isaac Wood, who eventually became the first brew master in the territory north of the Columbia River and provided the inspiration for Lacey's original name of Woodland; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1891, the Northern Pacific Railroad added a rail line through the growing community which now boasted a sulky racing track, hotel, train depot, school district, platted subdivision and post office; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1891, a post office was established with the unique name of Lacey to avoid confusion with another town in the state;

**WHEREAS**, in 1895, Saint Martin's College opened its doors and on its campus in 1922 KGY radio received one of the earliest radio licenses in the state of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, by the 1920s, with the advent of the automobile, Lacey had become well-known as a resort community, over time featuring nineteen lakeside resorts offering swimming, diving, roller skating, dancing, and exciting water chutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey, through a vote of its residents, was incorporated on December 5, 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, Lacey's Historical Commission, Historical Society, City Council, and residents recognize the significance of our community's heritage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, to be

### ***Lacey History Month***

**AND FURTHER**, I encourage all citizens to join me in discovering and celebrating Lacey's 168 years of history during this month of September and throughout the year.

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Mayor Andy Ryder  
August 27, 2020