

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

**WHEREAS**, *October 5, 2020, marks the Second Annual Vascular Access Specialty Day, organized to promote the advancement of the specialty of Vascular Access; and*

**WHEREAS**, *October 5th is chosen as the official day which commemorates the birthday of Suzanne Herbst, RN, founder of the Association for Vascular Access to support and promote the specialty of vascular access; and*

**WHEREAS**, *greater than 90% of patients admitted to hospitals require some form of vascular access to receive life-saving treatments and vascular access continues to play a critical role in treating patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Vascular Access Specialist is educated and experienced in the specialty, providing exceptional vascular access insertion, care, and maintenance with the objective of promoting an optimal, proactive and intentional approach to preserve vasculature, improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety, and educate all stakeholders; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Association for Vascular Access (AVA) is an organization of healthcare professionals founded in 1985 to support and promote the specialty of vascular access and its mission includes being a leader in healthcare by protecting patients and providers to improve lives;; and*

**WHEREAS**, *clinicians who specialize in Vascular Access are an integral part of healthcare teams and keep patients safe from catheter complications, improve patient comfort and satisfaction.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2020, as

***Vascular Access Specialty Day***

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Mayor Andy Ryder  
October 5, 2020