

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, poetry is the artful expression of human thought and feeling;
and

WHEREAS, poetry manifests the power and beauty of language; and

WHEREAS, the appreciation of poetry nourishes the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, poetry is a literary art form capable of exploring the deepest
sorrow and the loftiest aspiration; and

WHEREAS, a poet laureate cultivates the practice of writing, reading and
appreciation of poetry through example and encouragement; and


WHEREAS, the first poet laureate was crowned in 1315 after the classical
age and poet laureates throughout history have taken initiative to
encourage reading, writing and love of poetry across the globe; and

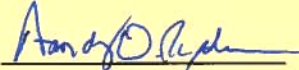
WHEREAS, Cynthia Pratt is a founding member of the Olympia Poetry
Network, a published poet and author deserving of the initial honor to
be named Poet Laureate;

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

Cynthia Pratt

to be the first Poet Laureate for the City and I encourage all community
members to embrace the art of poetry and invite the Poet Laureate to
share poetry with the City Council once a year during the month of April
to promote National Poetry Month.





Mayor Andy Ryder
January 20, 2022