

CITY OF LACEY

Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, who has traced her ancestry to the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower and is a descendant of John Howland, with her family military history dating back to the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, has served her country with pride, kindness, and generosity, first working as a Nose module installer on the Boeing B-17 in Seattle, joining the US Nurse Corps in 1944, serving in the US Army's 8055th MASH Unit in Korea, onto the Vietnam War, and military hospitals in Germany, Washington State, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in our nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army who has traveled the world to serve her country and provide life-saving care throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, received the Bronze Star for her heroic, skilled, and dedicated service as a battlefield nurse in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, has a love of Washington State and Mount Rainier; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, is the oldest living field battle nurse from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Nichols, will celebrate her 100th birthday August 19, 2022; and

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

Barbara Nichols Month

in the City of Lacey and encourage citizens of Lacey, community members, local veterans, and local veteran organizations to celebrate Barbara Nichols' 100th Birthday and learn more about the history of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the service of men and women who were at Barbara's side throughout those years.

Mayor Andy Ryder
August 4, 2022