## CITY OF LACEY Official Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** literacy is a top school and community concern and is integral to success in school, business, and daily living; and

**WHEREAS,** providing opportunities for citizens of all ages to discuss the cultural and literary merits of common reading will help create a culture of "20 minutes a day" family literacy and civic pride in Lacey; and

**WHEREAS,** a community-wide reading program such as "Lacey Loves to Read" month will support both students and community members in understanding the power of writing and literacy in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** a partnership between North Thurston Public Schools, the City of Lacey and the Lacey Timberland Regional Library has made this program possible and

**WHEREAS,** reading literature that explores diversity, global and social issues can help increase tolerance and unity within a community; and

WHEREAS, reading informs us, empowers us and teaches us the lessons of history; and

**WHEREAS,** Lacey citizens can read and discuss a variety of works by award-winning author Brandon Mull, who will visit our community February 16 through 17, 2022.

**Now, THEREFORE,** I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2022, as

## Lacey Loves to Read Month

in the City of Lacey and encourage citizens of all ages to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of reading and to discuss works by author Brandon Mull.

Mayor Andy Ryder January 20, 2022