

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

**WHEREAS**, thousands of brave Americans demonstrate their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States both on Active Duty and in the National Guard and Reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey values and embraces partnerships with the military community through a variety of means and is part of the South Puget Sound Region designated a "Great American Defense Community" by the Association of Defense Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, many North Thurston Public School District students have parents who have served or currently serve in the military and live in Lacey; and

**WHEREAS**, these children and youth are a source of pride and honor to our community and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our former and active U.S. armed forces personnel know that while they are taking care of us we are taking care of their children; and

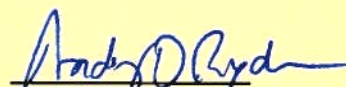
**WHEREAS**, since 1986, communities around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child in April, providing an opportunity for us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, struggles, and unconditional support of our troops, because when parents serve in the military, their kids serve, too; and

**WHEREAS**, a month-long salute to military children and youth will encourage the local community to provide direct support to military children and families,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Andy Ryder, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as:

***Month of the Military Child***

and invite all City of Lacey community members to observe the month by wearing purple each Friday in April and connecting with military families and communities to honor, thank, and support all military children and youth.

  
Mayor Andy Ryder  
April 21, 2022

