

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, the history of Lacey begins with the Coast Salish people, specifically Southern Lushootseed speakers, the Nisqually and Squaxin Island tribes, who have lived here since time immemorial and are still here today; and

WHEREAS, early American settlers traveled in covered wagons, including the first settlers in Lacey, David and Elizabeth Harrison Chambers who arrived in 1845, and whose property became the Mountain View Golf Course, the Mountain View Rodeo, and eventually Panorama; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Pacific Railroad reached the rural farming community of Woodland in 1889 and built a depot to service it, bringing a hotel, school district, platted subdivision, and racetrack; and in 1891, a post office was established with the new name of Lacey to avoid confusion with another town in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 1895, Saint Martin's College opened its doors; and on its campus in 1922 KGY radio received one of the earliest radio licenses in the state of Washington; and


WHEREAS, in the mid-20th century, many Black people arriving in Thurston County faced housing challenges due to discrimination and redlining, lived in Lacey which was without racially-restricted covenants; and

WHEREAS, a group of local business owners and representatives from the North Thurston School District, the Lacey Fire District, and the Lacey Area Chamber of Commerce joined forces to prevent annexation into Olympia; and through a vote of its residents, the City of Lacey was incorporated on December 5, 1966; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023, to be

Lacey History Month

AND FURTHER, I encourage all residents to join me in discovering and celebrating Lacey's 178 years of history during this month of May and throughout the year.



Andy Ryder

Mayor Andy Ryder
May 4, 2023