

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 residents can read and discuss a variety of works by award-winning author Dan Gemeinhart, who will visit our community February 9 & 10, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2023, 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 Dan Gemeinhart.



Mayor Andy Ryder
January 19, 2023