CITY OF LACEY Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible community members to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lacey is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections; and

WHEREAS, civic-minded people and organizations have collaborated to establish September 19, 2023, as National Voter Registration Day; and

WHEREAS, the goal for the 2023 National Voter Registration Day is to create awareness of elections and motivate eligible community members to vote in the coming months; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our democracy depends on the willingness of our community members to participate by choosing those who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on important matters that will come before the voters on Election Day.

WHEREAS, fewer voters participate in local odd-year elections due to lower levels of media coverage and information about local issues and candidates;

WHEREAS, the "Thurston County Urge Your Neighbors To Vote Challenge" aims to encourage regular voters to reach out to their neighbors with the tools and information they need to feel informed and empowered to turn in their ballots;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby recognize September 19, 2023, as

National Voter Registration Day

in Lacey and encourage all eligible community members to register to vote, to vote when they receive their ballot, and to encourage others to vote.

Mayor Andy Ryder September 7, 2023