

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, during Hispanic and Latina/Latino/Latine/Latinx Heritage Month, Mes de la Herencia Hispana, we honor the rich heritage of the Hispanic and Latinx community and celebrate their countless achievements; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon public officials, education, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes and celebrates the diversity of community members that this month commemorates, honors and pays tribute to individuals that speak Spanish, who are descendants from Spanish-speaking countries, are descendants from over 26+ Latin American countries, and who may speak a variety of different languages, and we recognize the Latinx identity also encompasses people in indigenous, Black and African, Asian, and Queer communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington has grown more diverse over the past decade with the Hispanic community now representing 13.7 percent of Washingtonians, with the Hispanic community in Lacey representing nearly 11 percent of the population; and


WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx community members have made immeasurable contributions to the advancement of the United States and the City of Lacey, including but not limited to serving in our Armed Forces, as elected officials, public servants, essential workers, agriculture workers, teachers, business owners, cultural and creative industry leaders, and innovators; and

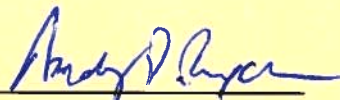
Whereas, 2023 honors the theme, "Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One", emphasizing the diversity and idea that we are all interconnected and share a common humanity, regardless of our differences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby recognize September 15 through October 15, 2023, as

Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month

in Lacey and encourage our community to celebrate the strengths that emerge from diversity and participate in activities to learn more about our Hispanic and Latinx communities, histories, and contributions to our city and society.





Mayor Andy Ryder
October 5, 2023