

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

**WHEREAS**, members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine have answered a high calling to serve and have helped protect and secure the United States of America at every turn; and

**WHEREAS**, our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their courage and exemplary service as selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense and made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, on Veterans Day, we salute those who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and the families who have served alongside them, and we express our enduring gratitude, both in words and in actions, for their service; and

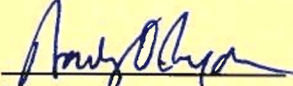
**WHEREAS**, as many veterans face overwhelming unknowns, through community collaborations we can ensure that those who have served their nation receive the resources they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, through their commitment to freedom, our veterans have positively impacted millions of lives and made our country and the world more secure, and the City of Lacey resolves that their sacrifices will always be remembered;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023, as

***Veterans Appreciation Month***

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all community members to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans and to actively support our local veterans and their family members.

  
Mayor Andy Ryder  
November 2, 2023