



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

**WHEREAS**, since time immemorial, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous peoples have built vibrant and diverse cultures — safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous people have played a vital role in every stage of our nation's history and their contributions have enhanced the social, political, environmental, and economic well-being of the United States of America and local communities, like Lacey; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the Indigenous People who called this land home before the arrival of settlers and have been here since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to recognize that we are on the lands of the Tribal People of the Medicine Creek Treaty and other indigenous communities, and acknowledge the history of dispossession that allowed for the growth of our community; and

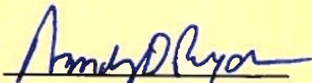
**WHEREAS**, the City offers respect to the Tribal People of the Medicine Creek Treaty and their Elders, past, present, and emerging, as well as all indigenous communities in Thurston County, Washington State, and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our community reaffirms its commitment to respect and preserve the traditions and culture and to honor the unique heritage of our first inhabitants;

**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

***Native American Heritage Month***

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all community members to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

  
Mayor Andy Ryder  
November 2, 2023