

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hip Hop is a universal culture that transcends ethnicity, nationality, social status, gender, religion, beliefs and other ineffectual barriers of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the founding principles of Hip Hop are peace, unity, love, having fun, knowledge, wisdom, understanding, freedom, justice, equality, overcoming the negative to the positive, economics, mathematics, science, life, truth, facts, and faith as advocated by the Universal Zulu Nation, Hip Hop's founding family and grassroots community service organization; and

WHEREAS, Hip Hop is an expressive culture that encourages self-discovery, self-motivation, positive self-esteem, self-encouragement, creativity, personal growth, discipline, self-improvement, and study and application of the principles of The Hip Hop Declaration of Peace, as advocated by The Temple of Hip Hop; and

WHEREAS, the inception of Hip Hop was a youth-led movement and alternative to violence, drugs, alcohol, racism, and other ills that plagued the inner-city/urban communities of color; one that transpires to people of all backgrounds today that connects social, economic, and political activism with self-preservation; and

WHEREAS, Hip Hop is an international and intergenerational phenomenon that positively influences and affects millions of lives in its essence through spiritual, mental, and physical manifestations; and

WHEREAS, Hip Hop has been, and continues to be, an outlet of engagement as a means to delve into education and academic realms of the Arts, Language, Business, History, Mathematics, Science, Health, and other studies;

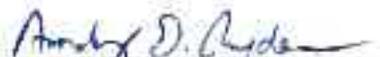
WHEREAS, the appreciation of Hip Hop embodies a cultural and musical evolution from Funk, Soul, Rock, R&B, Blues, Gospel, World Music, and more with lineage that traces the African diaspora and some of the earliest cultures and civilizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2015, to be

Hip Hop Appreciation Week

AND FURTHER, I encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating Hip Hop by donating your time and skills to someone in need, helping your neighbor, and showing grace and kindness to those around you, during this week and throughout the year.





Mayor Andy Ryder
May 14, 2015