

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

**WHEREAS,** The City of Lacey recognizes our future rests in the hands of our most vulnerable and cherished assets- our children; and

**WHEREAS,** all children deserve to live in safe, stable, and nurturing environments which promote their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS,** child abuse, neglect and other Adverse Childhood Experiences are recognized as serious public health problems affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of our community to ensure parents, caregivers and other adults who influence the health and well-being of children have the support, knowledge and concrete resources necessary to ensure all children thrive to their greatest potential; and

**WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS,** we, as Lacey residents, continue our commitment to protecting all members of our community, and call upon all citizens to join together to increase public safety and prevent the further abuse and neglect of our children,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Andy Ryder, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as:**

***Child Abuse Prevention Month***

and urge all City of Lacey citizens, communities, state agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, medical providers, educators, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.





Mayor Andy Ryder  
March 22, 2018