

**City of Lacey
Official Proclamation**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month celebrates the Hispanic and Latino community and highlights its countless achievements; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanics Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, many Latino Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas – including the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas, the Maya, and the Tainos, some trace their roots to the Spanish explorers, or to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World; and

WHEREAS, September 15 – October 15 is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Hispanics and Latinos contribute to our common goals, celebrate their diverse cultures, and to work towards a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

WHEREAS, this month's theme , "A History of Serving Our Nation" Hispanics and Latinos have and continue to serve as Civil Rights leaders, politicians, military service members, educators, first responders, science pioneers, and public servants for our country; and

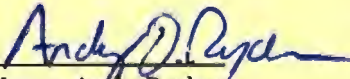
WHEREAS, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a significant and fast growing demographic of the City of Lacey, we honor the invaluable ways they contribute to our great city; and

NOW, THEREFORE that I, Mayor Ryder, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2019 as

National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

in the City of Lacey and encourage our community to join us in celebrating the great contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our city, state, and nation.


Mayor Andy Ryder
September 12, 2019

