

CITY OF LACEY *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, in May of 1984, women from across the nation participated in the first US Women's Marathon Olympic Trials in the South Sound region, encompassing Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia and Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, the South Sound region exhibited to the nation our community spirit, technical organizing expertise, welcoming hospitality, and the heart of more than 4,000 volunteers, to produce a week of activities for our citizens and guests; and

WHEREAS, the Trials route followed city streets, including College Street, 45th Avenue, Ruddell Road, and Lacey Boulevard, and trial athletes stayed in Lacey at Saint Martin's University; and

WHEREAS, Lacey collaborated with Intercity Transit to provide parking and shuttle locations; spruced up streets and sidewalks; provided safety services with police, fire and public works personnel; and participated in year-long event planning and coordination activities; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic Trials Legacy Committee will host several events in May celebrating women in sport, women as leaders, and the women of the 1984 Trials; and

WHEREAS, Joan Benoit Samuelson, winner of the Trials and the winner of the 1984 Women's Marathon at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, along with other women who participated in the 1984 Trials, will return to the region to mark the 35th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Marathon Association, which continues today to annually provide healthy running opportunities for more than 2,200 runners and is supported by local businesses, governments and over 500 volunteers, will celebrate the 1984 Trials run during its May Marathon Weekend.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the contributions of our communities to the first Women's Marathon Olympic Trials, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, proclaim May 17-19, 2019, as

Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Weekend

in the City of Lacey, and encourage all citizens to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism and service that lives on.



Mayor Andy Ryder
May 9, 2019