

## CITY OF LACEY

### *Official Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the greatest acknowledgement of our freedom is to honor our armed forces veterans who have sacrificed and, in many instances, paid the ultimate price for our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lacey is dedicated to ensuring the support and quality of life of the nearly 6,000 veterans who reside in Lacey and have bravely and selflessly served our country both at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Leslie "Les" Johnson enlisted in the Army at the age of 18 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, as a Combat Medic; and


**WHEREAS**, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Johnson served in World War II and fought in the Battle of Normandy. His service also extended into the Korean War conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Johnson received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with Valor. For his meritorious service, he also received presidential and congressional medals, citations and commendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Johnson served 24 years in the military before retiring in July 1967 to the City of Lacey; and

**WHEREAS**, Master Sergeant (Ret.) Johnson continues to be an inspiration to all of us through his demonstration of courage, leadership, and commitment in service to our community and country.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that the City of Lacey is proud to call Master Sergeant (Ret.) Johnson a resident of Lacey and gives special honor and recognition to him for his years of dedicated and selfless military service.



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Mayor Andy Ryder  
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