



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month across the country. This year's national theme, "No one should face breast cancer alone," serves as a message for the community to unite and to spread important messages of early detection, screening and prevention, treatment, and providing assistance to those who are diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in the Pacific Northwest, 1 in 7 women are affected by breast cancer when the national average is 1 in 8 women; breast cancer affects 1% of men; only 15% of diagnoses are related to family history; and 20-30% of those diagnosed with early disease will experience a recurrence; and

WHEREAS, Pink Lemonade Project, a nonprofit organization, is on a mission to educate, empower, and support communities affected by breast cancer with vital outreach, education, screening, financial assistance, support groups, and mentors across Oregon and SW Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield Police Department is joining public safety agencies in Clark County and across the nation to participate in the "Pink Patch project." The project centers on vibrant pink versions of the agency's uniform patches which are intended to show support for loved ones impacted by cancer and, for Ridgefield, to raise money for the Pink Lemonade Project.

WHEREAS,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim October, 2023 as

"RIDGEFIELD BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

and encourage all its residents to recognize the seriousness of this condition, show support for patients who have battled the disease, and urge all women to get a cancer screening.

Dated this 12th day of OCTOBER 2023.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor