



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS:** The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 was the largest single-day protest in human history. More than 20 million people poured out on the streets nationwide to send the message that our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive; and

**WHEREAS:** The new Earth Day movement resulted in creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970 and inspired the Paris Agreement in 2015 - a legally binding international treaty on climate change adopted by 196 countries; and

**WHEREAS:** Earth Day is now celebrated annually by more than a billion people worldwide. It is a day of action and a reminder for everyone to reflect on the impact of human activity on the planet, to celebrate our beautiful planet and take action to preserve it; and

**WHEREAS:** Kathleen Rogers, President of earthday.org, introduced this year's theme "Invest in Our Planet" by saying: "In 2023 we must come together again in partnership for the planet. Businesses, governments, and civil society are equally responsible for taking action against the climate crisis and lighting the spark to accelerate change toward a green, prosperous and equitable future"; and

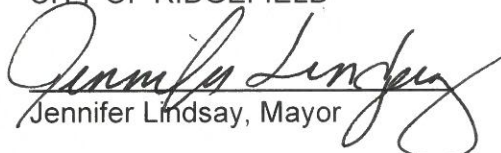
**WHEREAS:** the City of Ridgefield started its Earth Day celebration with "Ridgefield Clean + Green" on April First Saturday, continues with the Spring Clean Up on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and a community challenge to help keep the Ridgefield community clean.

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

### **"EARTH DAY CELEBRATION MONTH"**

And encouraging Ridgefield residents to take part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees to help make our earth a happier, healthier place to live.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2023.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD  
  
Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor