



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Youth Arts Month was founded at the national level in 1961 to emphasize the value of participating in art for all children and provide an opportunity to demonstrate the impact of the arts to local communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Arts education provides substantial benefits to students of all ages through developing creative potential, improving problem-solving skills and providing a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and issues; and

**WHEREAS:** Ridgefield School District established Ridgefield Youth Arts Month to support the youth of our community in their artistic endeavors as well as to increase support of the arts throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS:** For Youth Arts Month 2021, Ridgefield School District joined with the Ridgefield Art Association, the City of Ridgefield and other arts supporters to offer a variety of virtual classes and activities to help residents discover their creative side through art and music – with the kick-off on March First Saturday; and

**WHEREAS:** This is a time to value the arts. The arts create wellness in our day-to-day lives by helping us process our lives individually and allowing us to come together collectively. Art allows us to communicate from afar, generating positivity, appreciation and hope during COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, DON STOSE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

### **“Ridgefield Youth Arts Month”**

And encourage residents to give full support to arts education and to take advantage of all the Youth Arts Month activities throughout the district and the City.

Dated this the 11th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor