



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our community has fought to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Ridgefield by making changes that place health and safety over our customary ways of doing business; and

WHEREAS, As a result, our local merchants are facing an unprecedented economic disruption; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield has a diverse range of businesses from farmers to manufacturers to family owned merchants who have been in business for generations. They contribute jobs to our community, vitality to our downtown, and flavor to our lives; and

WHEREAS, Local merchants have found creative ways to continue to serve our community when possible, provide support for one another and raise the spirits of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Now, more than ever, these local businesses deserve our attention, our appreciation, and our support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgefield has created protections for local business during this pandemic and partnered with local community organizations to provide and encourage support through programs such as Shop Local and Save and t-shirt sales with profits going to local business; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgefield takes this opportunity to thank our local business owners and employees for their contributions to our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DON STOSE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim May, 2020 as

“Support Local Business Month”

and encourage residents to dedicate yourselves to shopping local during May and beyond.

Dated this 14th day of May 2020.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor