



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Each year on July 4th, we celebrate our nation's birthday. On this day we remember the conviction of our Founders, we celebrate the enduring principles of our Declaration of Independence, and we express our gratitude to the generations of courageous men and women in uniform who have defended our freedoms, and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 100 years, Ridgefield has celebrated our nation's birthday in a big way. We welcome an estimated 5,000 people to enjoy the display of U.S. flags along the streets, a fun run, a hometown parade, free outdoor entertainment and family friendly activities; and

**WHEREAS**, The flags are placed by the Ridgefield American Legion and the festivities are organized by the Ridgefield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, a non-profit organization that depends on numerous volunteer hours and private and business donations to make the annual celebration possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark County, in partnership with the City of Ridgefield, LaCenter, Battleground and ilani Casino organized the inaugural "4<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds" with a Battle of the Bands, food vendors, a kid's activity area and a public fireworks show; and

**WHEREAS**, Fourth at the Fairgrounds will provide community residents with an opportunity to celebrate our nation's independence in a fun and safe environment.

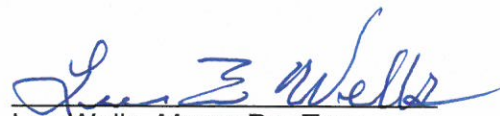
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, LEE WELLS, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim Ridgefield as an official

### "Fourth of July City"

and encourage residents to take pride in our history, look to the future with confidence and celebrate our independence with hometown festivities in historic downtown Ridgefield, and then enjoy the fireworks display at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Dated this 20th day of June, 2019.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

  
Lee Wells, Mayor Pro Tem