



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to recognize the seriousness of this condition, show support for patients who have battled the disease, and provide education on medical and social impacts of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS: According to the World Health Organization, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide and is still the leading cause of death for women. One in seven women across the Pacific NW will be diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS: Breast cancer can be treated successfully if diagnosed early. Mammography, the most effective screening tool, can find cancers at an early stage – even when symptoms are invisible and not noticeable. But 28% of women did not schedule a breast cancer screening during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: A local organization, the Pink Lemonade Project, works to educate, empower and support those affected by breast cancer. With the local Komen affiliate gone, the Pink Lemonade Project stepped up to continue two of their programs. These new programs help with education, financial assistance, support and community connections; and

WHEREAS: For the 4th year, the Ridgefield Police Department is joining public safety agencies across the nation by participating 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 to raise money for the Pink Lemonade Project.

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

“Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

and encourage all residents to work to increase cancer screenings in Ridgefield and support those who have battled this disease.

Dated this 14th day of October 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor