



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Sixty-five percent (65%) of the people in our nation say they have daily concerns about the country's current problems and are pessimistic about the future. Included in the top 10 concerns: COVID-19, widespread divisiveness, social inequity, lack of respect for each other, financial insecurity and increased mental health issues such as anxiety or depression; and

**WHEREAS**, Together, we can begin to address these concerns and we can Make a Difference. Volunteer service, stewardship and kindness will play essential roles as we all continue to learn how to live in a pandemic, help solve social problems, nurture our sense of community, and strive for something better; and

**WHEREAS**, Ridgefield has been shaped by the compassion and dedication of residents who have volunteered their time, energy, talents and skills to make our community strong; and

**WHEREAS**, Ridgefield's second Make a Difference Month is a call to action; to unite all residents in a common mission to demonstrate that we are a vibrant community and to emphasize the importance of caring for and appreciating our neighbors and local businesses as we enter a time of year that can be tough for many; and

**WHEREAS**, Make a Difference Month kicks-off with a chance to volunteer and learn about local service organizations on Community Service Day, November 6 at Abrams Park; and continues with weekly themes and activities.

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

### **"Make a Difference Month"**

and urge all residents to do one small thing to improve the life of another person. Collectively, it will make a massive difference.

Dated this 4th day of November 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor