



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, The COVID-19 pandemic is the greatest challenge this country has faced since the second world war. The pandemic along with political unrest is posing health, economic, environmental and social challenges to the entire population; and

**WHEREAS**, Local merchants are facing an unprecedented economic disruption; schools and teachers are struggling to provide effective education for our students; and a recent CDC study confirmed that more than 40% of the population is experiencing mental or behavioral health challenges related to the pandemic such as anxiety or depression; and

**WHEREAS**, Ridgefield is resilient. Our City 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**, Volunteer service, stewardship and kindness will play essential roles as we all continue to adapt to the pandemic, help solve social problems, nurture our sense of community, and strive for something better; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 increase the health and wellness of our City; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DON STOSE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim November, 2020 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 5th day of November 2020.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

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Don Stose, Mayor