



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories and to acknowledge the important accomplishments of Native people who were the original inhabitants, explorers and settlers of the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** Congress chose the month of November to recognize American Indians because this month concluded the traditional harvest season and was generally a time of thanksgiving and celebration for the American Indians; and

**WHEREAS:** The land upon which one of the largest and most influential Chinookan towns stood is located on the Carty Unit at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and is one of the best-preserved Native American sites in the northwest United States; and

**WHEREAS:** The City recognizes that Ridgefield is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the city would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS:** The City values its partnerships with the Cowlitz and Chinook Indian Tribes and the collaborative effort to preserve their cultural traditions and benefit the community of Ridgefield.

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

### **“Native American Heritage Month”**

And encourage residents to learn more about the rich heritage of American Indians native to this area and the role they have played in building and sustaining our Nation and our City.

Dated this the 22nd day of October, 2020.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor