



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS:** Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the celebration of Older Americans Month. The theme for 2021 is “Communities of Strength,” recognizing the important role older adults play in fostering the connection and engagement that build strong, resilient communities, and

**WHEREAS:** In honor of Older Americans Month, May will be the official kick-off of Dementia Friends Clark County - with sponsorship by the Agency on Aging & Disabilities of SW Washington and HOPE Dementia Groups, and

**WHEREAS:** Dementia is not a specific disease but is rather a general term for the impaired ability to remember, think or make decisions that interferes with doing everyday activities. Though dementia mostly affects older adults, it is not a part of normal aging; and

**WHEREAS:** There are now 120,000 Washington residents with dementia who are cared for by 295,000 unpaid caregivers; and

**WHEREAS:** Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing the way people think, act and talk about dementia by helping everyone understand what dementia is and how it affects people, and

**WHEREAS:** A Dementia Friend is someone who learns about what it’s like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action.

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

### **“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”**

And encourage all residents to help Ridgefield become a dementia friendly community where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor