



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week began in 1974 as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers. Every April, charities and communities reinforce the week's official theme, Celebrating People in Action, by recognizing volunteers and fostering a culture of service; and

WHEREAS, People of all ages can volunteer and, through the smallest of acts, do their part to improve the lives of others and make our community a better place. This volunteer spirit was demonstrated in a big way throughout the COVID pandemic, during a recent call for blood donations, and in response to the April snow storm; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield has been marked by the service of volunteers. Overlook Park, the Community Center, the Cathlapotle House and the new Community Library were all made possible by the dedicated work of volunteers. Many local community and service organizations are run by volunteers. And, community events depend on volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Neighbors On Watch is a community volunteer program to train and empower residents to help extend the efforts of the Ridgefield Police Department. Volunteers help reduce crime and improve quality of life in our neighborhoods, educate residents on crime prevention and make a difference in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROB AICHELE Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17 through April 23 as

“RIDGEFIELD VOLUNTEER WEEK”

and encourage all residents to renew your commitment to service and reserve some time to get out and volunteer.

Dated this 14th day of April 2022.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Rob Aichele, Mayor Pro Tem