



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** From preschool to elementary school to high school and beyond, art education provides substantial benefits to all students; and

**WHEREAS:** Arts education helps to develop creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities, brings to life what students learn in other subjects, and gives students a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, all people and cultures; and

**WHEREAS:** Throughout this past year, Ridgefield's art educators and students have demonstrated incredible resilience, going above and beyond to promote and pursue art education, despite the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** This past year has also served as a reminder of the power of art to bring us together, even when we may be physically apart, embodied by the 2021-2022 National Youth Art Month theme, "Art Connects Us," and

**WHEREAS:** Ridgefield Youth Arts Month represents a partnership between Ridgefield School District, Ridgefield Art Association and the Ridgefield community encouraging young people to take part in artistic endeavors including literary, visual, musical and performing arts,

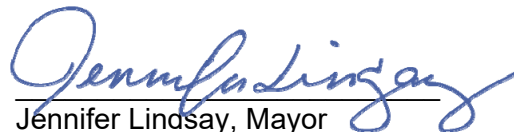
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as**

### **"Ridgefield Youth Arts Month"**

And encourage residents to recognize the tremendous achievements of our community's art students and educators and to join Ridgefield School District in encouraging a lifetime of creativity.

Dated this the 24th day of March, 2022.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

  
Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor