



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, The Council for Art Education administers the National Youth Art Month program to encourage support for quality school art programs for grades K-12 and celebrate all things related to the arts for children of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2024 Youth Art Month theme – “Dream in Art” – emphasizes that art is an important tool in education as a means of expression. Art experiences help children explore their thoughts and emotions and translate them into something creative; and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, Programs under the banner of Youth Art Month are intended to recognize that students develop many skills through the arts from creative problem-solving, communication and critical thinking to improved self-esteem, confidence; and a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, multicultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education; 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, RON ONSLOW**, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim  
March 2024 as

### **“RIDGEFIELD YOUTH ARTS MONTH”**

and encourage students, community organizations and residents to make a commitment to the arts and arts education.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2024.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

  
Ron Onslow, Mayor