



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) exists to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color, and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1945, the Vancouver Branch of the NAACP has worked for eight decades to improve equality and justice in our community by protecting voting rights, promoting fair housing and equitable employment, providing advocacy, amplifying marginalized voices and fostering cross-cultural understanding in Ridgefield, Clark County and beyond, and

WHEREAS, The NAACP's work in youth mentorship, scholarships and educational equity supports opportunities for young people and families throughout Clark County, including Ridgefield, and

WHEREAS, As Ridgefield continues to grow and diversify, the recognition of the NAACP's 80-year legacy serves as a reminder of the importance of creating welcoming and inclusive environments for all residents, and

WHEREAS, the 80th Anniversary Celebration will be held on November 1, honoring individuals and organizations that have contributed to the Branch's mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT COLE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2025 as commemoration of

"THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAACP VANCOUVER BRANCH"

and encourage all residents to promote community engagement, collaboration and commitment to justice and continue advancing equity, inclusion and opportunity in their own neighborhoods.

Dated this 23RD day of OCTOBER 2025.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Matt Cole, Mayor