PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Redmond has a long history in the space industry dating back to 1967 when Rocket Research, Inc. broke ground on their site in Redmond. The company, now Aerojet Rocketdyne, is a world-class developer and manufacturer of chemical and electrical propulsion systems, and has called Redmond home for 55 years; and

WHEREAS, vital suppliers in this ecosystem like Honeywell Aerospace, Kymeta, RBC Signals, Spectralux and Triumph are located in Redmond; and

WHEREAS, Redmond is home to the backbone of telecom and data for this industry with world-class data management and analysis suppliers like Microsoft Azure Orbital; and

WHEREAS, Redmond hosts an innovative and entrepreneurial ecosystem of the space industry that leverages our major strengths in information technology, manufacturing, and aerospace, providing a rich environment for small businesses like Xplore to grow and prosper in Redmond; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, SpaceX selected Redmond as its satellite manufacturing home, and expanded their presence in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Project Kuiper selected Redmond for its headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the City is a leading global satellite hub with more satellites manufactured in Redmond, Washington than any other city in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim the official launch of the Redmond Space District!

Angela Birney, Mayor

Date: March 30, 2023