

RESOLUTION NO. 52-20

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY AS  
NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the essential need for parks as areas of respite became more apparent this year when 83 percent of U.S. adults agreed that visiting their local parks, trails and open spaces is essential for their mental and physical well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Colorado Springs, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

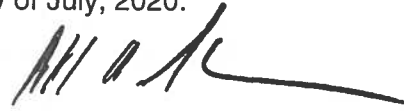
WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs celebrates the importance of parks as part of the fabric and back drop of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. That the City of Colorado Springs recognizes the great societal value of the community's entire park system as well as the vital contributions of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' employees and volunteers as July is designated Park and Recreation Month in the City of Colorado Springs.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



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Council President

ATTEST:

  
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

