

A Resolution Designating July as National Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents in communities around the country, including Colorado Springs, through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts; 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, parks and recreation facilities create enormous economic value through increased partnership, which improves the job base and the economic viability of the local economy, including business relocation and expansion in the community and increased tourism; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community as these places and spaces improve water quality; protect groundwater; prevent flooding; improve the quality of the air we breathe; provide vegetative buffers to development; and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs recognizes the benefits derived from its parks, recreation and cultural resources.

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

That City Council 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 27th day of June, 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk