

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 22

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY AS
NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation represent our community's best assets as seen through its outdoor spaces, equitable and inclusive programming, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Colorado Springs, and promoting the health and wellness of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports, and environmental education including the Generation Wild initiative, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation sustain and steward our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, and connecting people to nature as seen through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's receipt of the Leave No Trace gold standard designation at 16 sites; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation 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 strengthen community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community heritage, culture, history, and landscape.

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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes the immense 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 12th day of July 2022.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk