## RESOLUTION NO. 92-21

## A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY AS NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

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

WHEREAS, 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 foster social cohesiveness by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to come together peacefully, promoting social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people have access to its benefits; 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 sustain and steward our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland; 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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Jehns