



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of Appreciation Designating July as Park and Recreation Month

From:

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Summary:

July is National Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme, "OUT is IN," encourages individuals, families, friends and coworkers to do something outside every day that they would normally do inside. From picnicking in the park instead of sitting inside at a table to sending an email or even holding a meeting outside, there are small ways you can make going OUT part of your daily routine. The parks and facilities run by the City of Colorado Springs offer ample opportunities to go OUTside, get INspired, change your OUTlook and get INVolved.

Previous Council Action:

N/A

Background:

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. This year we are focusing on setting trends instead of following them, making 2014 the year people go outside, change their outlook, and get involved in their community through parks and recreation.

Just a few of the opportunities to get outside include the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration in Memorial Park. Once again, the Colorado Springs Philharmonic will perform under the stars, celebrating and connecting community. To further involve our community, the annual summer Spirit of the Springs rally will be incorporated into this event as well. By combining forces, we'll join as a community for an evening of creativity, entertainment, and fireworks under starlit Colorado skies.

Beyond recreating in our parks, chances to volunteer and give back will continue in July with our monthly Spruce Up the Springs event. On July 19th, hundreds of volunteers will meet at Meadows Park Community Center to spruce up the center and its surrounding neighborhood.

The events and opportunities mentioned above are just a few ways that citizens and visitors alike can go OUTside and get INspired which truly highlights the meaning behind the designation of July as Park and Recreation Month with its goal of advancing our parks, recreation and conservation efforts to enhance the quality of life for all people.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

The City may opt to not designate July as Park and Recreation Month.

Proposed Motion:

Pass a Resolution of Appreciation designating July as Park and Recreation Month.

N/A