



Legislation Text

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A Resolution Designating July as National Park and Recreation Month

Presenter:

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Summary:

To highlight the breadth and depth of the Colorado Springs parks system, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is asking City Council to recognize July as National Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme for Park and Recreation Month is "Our Park and Recreation Story."

Parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories - moments that park and recreation professionals help make happen. Our local parks are often our first experiences in nature, our introduction to a favorite hobby or physical activity. They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of respite and healing, sites that connect us with essential community services, and so much more.

Every person has a park story. Every park has a history made up of thousands of stories that help to define it. This July we want to hear from our community about their park and recreation stories. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will be doing this through a community survey available during the month of July that will ask about citizens awareness, experiences and desires surrounding parks and recreation programming.

Local parks have been essential throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with many of our community members finding a new appreciation for the essential spaces managed and vital programs provided. This year for Park and Recreation Month, we want to hear our community's opinion about what their local parks and recreation means to them.

Background:

Since 1985, Americans have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote the importance of parks and recreation in health and wellness, conservation and social equity, and to recognize the thousands of park and recreation employees that maintain our nation's local and community parks.

This item supports the City's strategic goal relating to building community and collaborative relationships by increasing the community's awareness of the offerings and services provided by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Previous Council Action:

N/A

Financial Implications:

N/A

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

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

Proposed Motion:

Move approval of the resolution to designate July as Park and Recreation Month.

N/A