



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, the theme centers on how “We Rise Up for Parks and Recreation!” The National Park and Recreation Association is celebrating Park and Recreation Month this July by highlighting all the ways communities are stronger, more vibrant and more resilient because every day, park and recreation professionals contribute to their communities.

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 the first experiences in nature, the 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.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for communities - from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to communities.

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 National Park and Recreation Month.

Proposed Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution designating July as National Park and Recreation Month.

N/A