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A Resolution Designating July as National Park and Recreation Month

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Summary:
In an effort 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. To illustrate to the community that parks and recreation are more than just playgrounds and rec centers, the Department is highlighting the sometimes undiscovered offerings of the Department, including innovative health and wellness opportunities, community celebrations, outdoor education, maintenance and much, much more. In addition to all of the activities already scheduled throughout the summer season, the Department will be hosting an "Open House" event on July 21st at Acacia Park. The development of this event will be guided by the National Recreation and Park Association theme entitled "A Lifetime of Discovery."

Previous Council Action:
N/A

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.

Financial Implications:
N/A

Board/Commission 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