

Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs 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, residents, businesses, community organizations, and visitors all benefit from the wide range of parks, as well as other facilities and programs ranging from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Education Safety Program, to the Youth Job Preparation Program, and the Walk With Ease senior citizen program provided by the City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department (PARCS); and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Fresno recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the City of Fresno that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Fresno and in doing so, urges all its citizens to use and enjoy its parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreation opportunities.

Approved this 28th day of June 2018