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To recognize the Month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in Columbus.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including in Columbus; 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, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also 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, 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 engage in outdoor recreation; and

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

WHEREAS, Columbus recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources in building strong and safe neighborhoods; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council recognizes the Month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in Columbus, and that this Council celebrates all of the excellent parks, recreation facilities and programming available to our residents.