

Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate May 18th, 2019, as 'Kids to Parks Day'

WHEREAS, 'Kids to Parks Day' was organized and launched by the National Park Trust in 2011 and is held annually on the third Saturday of May; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of 'Kids to Parks Day' is open to all and encourages children and adults across the country to get outdoors and visit America's parks in an effort to broaden children's appreciation for nature and outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, encouraging children to lead a more active and healthy lifestyle by participating in outdoor activities combats health issues such as childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department manages 13,582 acres of parkland across 380 parks, 220 miles of regional trails, 14 nature preserves, eight outdoor pools, six splash pads and interactive fountains, six golf courses, and five dog parks for Columbus residents to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, on 'Kids to Parks Day' and throughout the year, City Council encourages children and their families to enjoy local parks and other outdoor activities in Columbus; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate May 18th, 2019, as 'Kids to Parks Day.'