



WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Rockville, Maryland; 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, 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

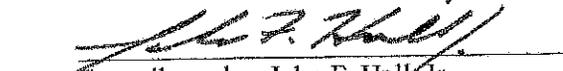
WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Rockville, Maryland recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

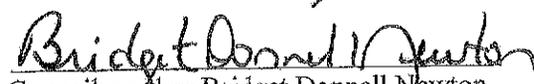
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim July, 2013 as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Rockville, and call upon the residents of this great City to recognize and participate in this special observance.



Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio



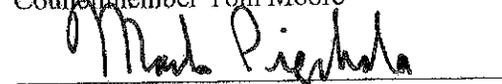
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Councilmember Tom Moore



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