



**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation facilities and programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Rockville Maryland, vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life our Rockville citizens enjoy while contributing to the economic and environmental vitality of Rockville; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation facilities and 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 natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation facilities and programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and the City of Rockville recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources and programs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of Rockville hereby recognize July as Park and Recreation Month in the city of Rockville and urge all citizens to enjoy the benefits of parks and recreation throughout this month and throughout the year.

Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

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