Proclamation

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

WHEREAS parks and recreation facilities and programs are vitally important to the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and 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 enhance 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 Park and Recreation Month; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, The Mayor and Council of Rockville that July is recognized 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.

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