Office of the MAYOR City of Angleton, Texas Proclamation

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Angleton, Texas; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increases 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 recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community;

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Angleton, Texas recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **I**, **John Wright**, **Mayor of the City of Angleton**, **Texas**, along with the City of Angleton City Council, do hereby proclaim that the month of July is recognized as:

Park and Recreation Month

PROCLAIMED this 25th day of July 2023.

John Wright
Mayor