



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Elizabeth Gibbs, Community Services Director  
**DATE:** July 20, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Designating the Entire Month of July as Parks and Recreation Month**

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### **Background and Analysis:**

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), of which Beaumont is a member, people in the United States have celebrated Parks and Recreation Month in July since 1985. Recognizing this important time promotes building a strong, vibrant, and resilient community through the power of parks and recreation and recognizes the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals, and the hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers that maintain local, state and community parks.

Through efforts by NRPA, the United States House of Representatives passed an official resolution for Parks and Recreation Month in 2009 and introduced the resolution in 2017 and 2018.

Parks and recreation is essential and holds a fundamental role in the community, including:

- Promoting health and wellness,
- Programming and educational activities are critical to childhood development,
- Driving economic opportunity,
- Uniting people and strengthens communities, and
- Providing essential and adaptable infrastructure that make communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for communities, from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Park and recreation agencies across the country are recognizing the month with summer programs, events, contests, commemorations, and celebrations. Beaumont has joined with Agents of Discovery in providing several challenges that allow residents to explore Beaumont's parks throughout the month of July.

By adopting a resolution, City Council can encourage everyone to reflect on the exponential value that parks and recreation professionals bring to this community.

**Fiscal Impact:**

City staff estimates that it cost approximately \$585 to prepare this report.

**Recommended Action:**

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont designating the entire month of July as Parks and Recreation Month."

**Attachments:**

- A. Resolution