



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving 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 Alzheimer's; 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 camps, swimming, youth sports, and out of school time programming 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 essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change and is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby recognize July 2026, as

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of June, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk