PROCLAMATION designating July as National Park and Recreation Month. WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Kaukauna; and WHEREAS, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens. WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy communities, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental wellbeing of our community; and WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our 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 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kaukauna City Council hereby recognizes July as "National Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Kaukauna. IN WITNESS THEREOF that I, Mayor Anthony J. Penterman of the City of Kaukauna. Wisconsin, declare July 2023, to be National Park and Recreation Month, and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens. Dated this 5th day of July 2023 Penterman, Mayor