



City of Ketchum

Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

- Whereas,** May 16, 2020 is the tenth anniversary of Kids to Parks Day, organized and launched by the National Park Trust, held annually on the third Saturday of May; and
- Whereas,** Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's Parks; and
- Whereas,** during this time of isolation due to COVID-19, it is critical to utilize the outdoors and city parks, to explore and learn while maintaining social distancing; and
- Whereas,** we should instill the importance of introducing a new generation to our nation's parks, and build enthusiasm to visit once travel restrictions are lifted and parks are open to the public; and
- Whereas,** we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes, mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and
- Whereas,** Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants, and broad children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim to participate in Kids to Parks Day. All citizens are urged to pledge on May 16, 2020 to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park when it is safe to visit.