

PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-04

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY
AS "NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH".**

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated each July as Parks and Recreation Month, recognizing that the health and wellness of individuals and cities are paramount, and parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout the United States, including McCleary, Washington; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation enhance the quality of life for residents by providing places of enjoyment through recreation and educational programming and leisure activities, and they allow opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop to their full potential and for older citizens to maintain their health and continue positive life experiences, and parks and recreation strengthen neighborhood involvement, promote cultural diversity, and teach us about nature and our environment; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs, tournaments, and events boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism, and reduce crime, and physical activities are encouraged by providing space for sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, special events and other lifestyle enhancements; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation contribute to conservation efforts by providing for critical “green” infrastructure that collectively enhances community spaces and natural

recreation areas, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, during the National Parks and Recreation Month observance, it is important to recognize the contributions of the dedicated employees and volunteers in our parks and recreation facilities as they keep our parks clean and safe for us all, organize youth activities, provide educational programming on health, nutrition, first aid and fitness, advocate for more open space and better trails, and fundraise for local improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of McCleary is dedicated to celebrating diversity, culture, and tradition with a mission of providing, enhancing and increasing quality parks and recreation opportunities for the approximately 2,000 residents and many visitors they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS MILLER, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF McCLEARY, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2024 as National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of McCleary. I urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the importance of parks and recreation facilities in McCleary and throughout Grays Harbor County and to learn more about how to support the places that bring our community a higher quality of life, safer places to play, and healthy alternatives through recreation programming for everyone.

ISSUED THIS 3RD DAY JULY, 2024.

CITY OF McCLEARY:

CHRIS MILLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNA AMSBURY, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTOPHER JOHN COKER
City Attorney