

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Madison Heights; and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs promote 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 Alzheimers; and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, walking trails, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and,

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and educational activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increase 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 are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; 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,

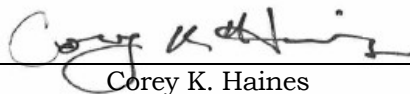
WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights recognizes the benefits derived from its parks and recreation resources, and the skilled personnel involved in their upkeep and programming,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Madison Heights hereby proclaim the month of July as

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Madison Heights, and urges all citizens, civic leaders, and civic organizations to join with the National Recreation and Park Association in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our park and recreation professionals, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make toward the enhancement and enjoyment of our residents' quality of life.



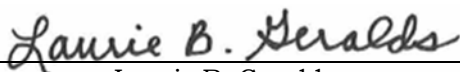
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Mayor



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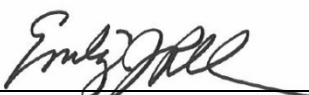
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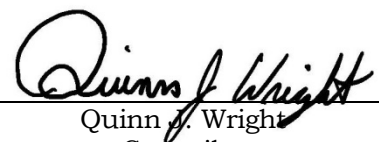
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