



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island recognizes parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region.

Mercer Island Parks and Recreation programs and facilities build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease and improve the mental and emotional health of all residents. These services increase the 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.

The City of Mercer Island operates a 42,000 square foot Community and Event Center, over 475 acres of parks and open space, and over 30 miles of trails, and offers diverse programs and events for all ages and demographics. Partnerships with community agencies, businesses, and other community groups are actively solicited to enhance and support diverse offerings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim July 2023 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

on Mercer Island, and I encourage all residents to join me at Summer Celebration on July 15 and to continue to support and participate in the many recreation activities, events, programs, and facilities provided by our various public and private agencies.

APPROVED, this 5th day of July 2023

Mayor Salim Nice

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