



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Mercer Island Parks and Recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, and improve the mental and emotional health of all residents; and

WHEREAS, over one-thousand pre-school, youth, and teen-age participants will take place in Mercer Island Parks and Recreation hosted summer camps; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs 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, the Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Department operates a 42,000 square foot Community and Event Center, over 475 acres of parks and open space, and more than 30 miles of trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Benson Wong, do hereby proclaim July 2021 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

on Mercer Island, and I encourage all residents to join me in participating and supporting the many recreation activities, events, programs, and facilities by public and private agencies and by attending Mostly Music in the Park Concerts this summer.

APPROVED, this 6th day of July 2021.

Benson Wong, Mayor

