



WHEREAS, parks and recreation month began in 1985, as a way of recognizing the importance in establishing the quality of life for the people living in our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Mission, Texas, by promoting health, wellness, and time spent in nature; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation positively impact mental health, cognitive performance, and well-being, while alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activities, providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, and activities promoting active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation open spaces ensures the ecological beauty of our community and provides a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programming and education activities are critical to childhood development and inclusive play activities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation contribute to a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation plays a fundamental role in environmental well-being, ecological beauty, and resilience against natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has designated the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month and the City of Mission Texas, recognizes the vital contributions of parks and recreation to the fabric of our society.

NOW THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission recognized as the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in The City of Mission.

PROCLAIMED on this the 22nd day of July, 2024.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor	
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman	Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem
Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman	Alberto Vela, Councilman