

**A Proclamation of the Town of Pineville, NC,
designating July as
Park and Recreation Month**

WHEREAS Parks and Recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS Parks and Recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS Parks and Recreation promotes 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 Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS Parks and Recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

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

WHEREAS Parks and Recreation increases 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 is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our state and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS local parks in our state generated over \$6 billion dollars in economic activity and provided over 37,000 jobs ranking NC as 10th in the nation; and

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

WHEREAS the State of North Carolina recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY _____ that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the state of North Carolina.

Mayor Jack Edwards

