

## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION DESIGNATION OF JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including in Spring Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; 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, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; 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 City of Spring Lake Park recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby proclaim July 2021 as

## PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Spring Lake Park and commend our Parks and Recreation staff for the excellent work they do in making Spring Lake Park an outstanding place to live, work and play.

Dated this 19th day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Clerk