

Proclamation Designating July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout the country, including the City of Wilsonville; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build and maintain healthy, active communities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, the attraction and retention of businesses, and increased tourism; and

WHEREAS, community recreation programs at parks and recreation facilities provide children a safe refuge and place to play; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being and ecological beauty of our community; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation facilities reduce fuel costs and commute times by providing places close to home to relax, exercise, and reduce stress; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of Wilsonville do hereby declare July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Wilsonville and encourage all citizens to visit our local parks and participate in our community's park and recreation programs.

> Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor Dated: June 17, 2024