



**A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF  
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, April is designated as National Volunteer Month, and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks volunteers are essential partners in every aspect of our agency’s ability to serve our community supporting our mission, and

**WHEREAS** their contributions encompass a broad range of needs across the District, including serving as educators in our zoos and conservatory, re-enactors at Fort Nisqually, coaches for youth sports, environmental stewards protecting our natural areas, Advisory Council and steering committee members ensuring community perspectives are part of our decision-making processes, foundation board members providing advocacy and vital fund-development, and as individuals and groups who provide support to our parks, community centers, zoos, special projects, and programs throughout our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 760 community members invested 43,894 reported volunteer hours with an estimated value of \$1,252,735 in 2021, providing a profound impact on the quality of our parks system, the health of our environment and the well-being of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Metro Parks volunteers donate an average of just under two weeks of volunteer hours annually; and,

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of volunteers will join staff in preparing parks across our city for a fun-filled summer, during Metro Parks Tacoma’s annual Parks Appreciation Day on April 23; and,

**WHEREAS**, the time, talents and inspiration of our volunteer provide indispensable support to our Metro Parks employees and play a vital role in our operation as a nationally-recognized parks and recreation system;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Park Commissioners, hereby recognize and celebrate April as National Volunteer Month and extend our deepest appreciation to all in our community who participate in caring for our parks, zoos and their fellow community members as Metro Parks volunteers.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held April 11, 2022.

ATTEST:

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk

