



A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Tacoma; 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 encourages physical activity by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS parks 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 Tacoma's parks have been essential throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with many of our community members finding a new appreciation for the essential spaces we manage and vital programs we provide; 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 agencies play a vital role in the protection of our environment through green infrastructure, maintenance of public lands, preserving wildlife habitats and more; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Metro Parks Tacoma Board of Commissioners that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Tacoma

ATTEST:

Board President _____

Board Clerk _____

Proclamation