



**A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF
PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, July is nationally celebrated in the United States as Park and Recreation Month to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks Tacoma provides access to parks and recreation for over 220,000 Tacoma residents and countless visitors throughout our region in the form of quality parks, facilities and programming; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes physical and mental wellness for community members of all abilities through opportunities to spend time in nature, be physically active and socialize with neighbors; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is essential to the environmental wellbeing of our region through managing natural spaces, preserving key habitat and engaging community members to protect our environment through education and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation benefits the economic vitality of our community by promoting tourism, increasing property values and attracting economic development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation contributes to the cultural vibrancy of our community through cultural events and celebrations, community-led programming, and spaces where community members of all backgrounds can convene and connect; and

WHEREAS, the National Park and Recreation Association's theme for Park and Recreation Month 2024 is "Where You Belong"; and

WHEREAS, inclusion is a core value of Metro Parks Tacoma and we strive to provide accessible, affordable, accommodating and welcoming parks and program services that create a sense of belonging to diverse Tacoma communities and regional visitors regardless of age, ability, race, ethnicity and income level; and

WHEREAS, our commitment to this value is demonstrated by our engagement with community groups in planning efforts, partnerships to create community-led programs and events at our parks and facilities, and through programs like our Park Guides, who ensure our parks are welcoming, safe, and fun for all who visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners hereby honors and recognizes July as National Park and Recreation Month.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held on July 8, 2024.

ATTEST:



Board President



Board Clerk

