

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

PARKS and RECREATION MONTH – JULY 2023

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

WHEREAS our parks and recreation experiences are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the healthy lifestyle for all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of 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 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, families and retirees; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide new learning opportunities and memorable experiences for children and adults by connecting with nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U. S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources, offering over 200 programs such as swim lessons, dance, gymnastics, day camps, nature programs and athletics leagues, with over 4,000 registered participants for the summer of 2023; and

WHEREAS special events are held in parks such as the July 15 Sounds of Summer at Tonsler Park featuring The Tara Mills Band, including a free meal off the grill;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the City of Charlottesville that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Charlottesville, and residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the range of activities that help to make Charlottesville a vibrant community.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of July 2023.

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor

Attest:

Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council