



**PARKS & RECREATION MONTH PROCLAMATION – JULY 2022**

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Warrensburg, Missouri; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation increases 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 & Recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS Parks & Recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

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

WHEREAS the City of Warrensburg recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Warrensburg City Council designates July 2022 as Parks & Recreation Month in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:

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Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk

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Jim Kushner, Mayor  
Tarl Bentley, Chairman Pro Tem  
Casey Lund, Council Member  
Eddie Osborne, Council Member  
Bruce D. Uhler, Council Member