

Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept.

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**PROCLAMATION
PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Waukesha; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health through the City's 50 parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature in over 1,100 acres of dedicated City Park and Open Space, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and reduces stress and symptoms of depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities in Waukesha by providing and programming at 3 sports complexes, 43 fields and 75 courts for popular sports, 12 miles of hiking trails, 2 outdoor swimming pools and many other attractions designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation strengthens community image and sense of place through 5,000+ Park rentals, 38 special events, 1500+ Volunteers (22,000+ hours annually), 272 community partnerships; and

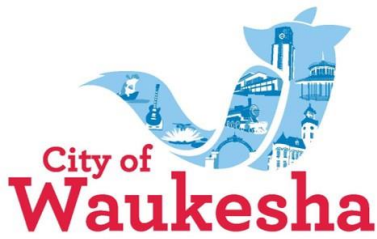
WHEREAS, parks and recreation partners to provide 10,000 healthy meals in the summer, nutrition services and education year round; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as before/after school programming at 10 of our elementary schools, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and 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 and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community managing 24,000 Street Trees and 3,200 Park Trees; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and



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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 and Recreation Month; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, do hereby proclaim July as

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Waukesha and encourage all residents to go out and enjoy all the park and recreation opportunities our city has to offer.

Signed this 20th day of June 2023.

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor
City of Waukesha