

**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 6,000 Park rentals, 42 special events, 1900+ Volunteers (33,000+ hours annually), 255 community partnerships; and

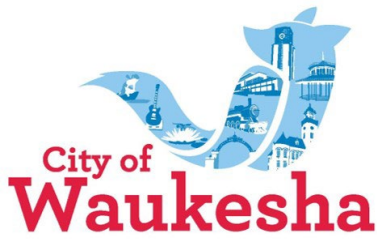
**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation partners to provide 10,000 healthy meals in the summer, nutrition services and education year round; and

**WHEREAS**, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as before/after school programming at 11 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha