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Below you will find some language for your local proclamations for July is Parks and Recreation Month should you be submitting those locally. Be sure to send us pictures and tag us in social media posts throughout the month so we can share!

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs enhance our quality of life by contributing to healthy lifestyles, building community, creating economic development, and encouraging environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism, and reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, recreation builds family unity, strengthens neighborhood involvement, offers opportunity for social interaction, enhances education, develops creativity, and promotes cultural diversity; and,

WHEREAS, our parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide encounters in nature, help maintain clean air and water, preserve plant and animal wildlife, and WHEREAS, award-winning local, state, and national parks located within the State of Florida contribute to the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents of and visitors to our State; and WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association have designated July as Recreation and Parks Month;

Tips and language from NRPA: <u>Proclamation Tips | Park and Recreation Month | National Recreation and Park Association</u>

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