

**Agenda Item:** 1.a

**Meeting Date:** July 7, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Tony Mulkey

**Date:** 2026-06-24

**Subject:** Designation of July as Parks & Recreation Month

**Presenter(s):** Anthony "Tony" Mulkey, CPRE, Parks & Recreation Director

**Staff Recommendation:** Read the proclamation to support and recognize the benefits of Parks & Recreation in the City of Dunedin as part of the nationally recognized designation for July.

**Strategic Themes:** Community Amenities, Good Governance, Environmental Resilience & Sustainability, City Services

**Boards & Committees:** N / A

**Budget Impact:** N / A

**Past Action:** Annually observed.

**Next Action:** Reading of the proclamation

**Attachments:** [A. Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month.pdf](#)  
[B. The Power of Parks & Recreation Stats.pdf](#)

**Background:** Through efforts by the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA), the U.S. House of Representatives passed an official resolution for Park and Recreation Month in 2009, and introduced the resolution in 2017 and 2018.

Parks and Recreation departments have the power to bring people together, strengthen health and well-being, and build more resilient, connected communities.

Each July, Park and Recreation Month recognizes the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals, along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers; who maintain our Country's local, state, and community parks.

Park and Recreation agencies nationwide recognize the month of July with summer programs, events, contests, commemorations and celebrations. As such, staff hereby recommends the Commission read this proclamation in support and recognition of the benefits of Parks & Recreation in the City of Dunedin.