



MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Morelli, City Manager

From: Kevin Adams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront

Date: May 24, 2017

Re: Designation of Naming July Parks and Recreation Month in the City of South Portland

BACKGROUND: The U.S. House of Representatives has designated the month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month. The South Portland Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the attached proclamation to be adopted recognizing the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month within the city.

PROPOSALS: The City of South Portland Parks and Recreation Department has a proud tradition of providing scenic parks, passive and active recreation activities, and exciting special events to benefit the wellbeing of the community. The department would like to join the U.S. House of Representatives in recognizing July as Parks and Recreation month in the City of South Portland.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City of South Portland accept the proclamation designating the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in the community.

Lisa Thompson, Sr. Recreation Manager, will attend the City Council meeting on June 5, 2017 to give an overview of the list of events and programs administered by the South Portland Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department held during the month of July.

Encl: Proclamation recognizing the Month of July as Parks and Recreation month in the city of South Portland



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RESOLVE #37-16/17**

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RESOLVED, that the City of South Portland hereby adopts the following Proclamation:

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE, THAT:

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the **City of South Portland, in the county of Cumberland, in the State of Maine;** and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase 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 areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; 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 and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of South Portland in the County of Cumberland recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the South Portland City Council that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the City of South Portland in the County of Cumberland.

Sealed with the Seal of the City of South Portland, Maine, on this Fifth Day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Patricia A. Smith, Mayor