



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of National Park and Recreation Month – July 2024

- Whereas, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Smyrna; and
- Whereas, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and
- Whereas, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders and Alzheimers; and
- Whereas, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and
- Whereas, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, 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; 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 Park and Recreation Month, and the City of Smyrna recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources; NOW
- Therefore, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month and encourage all citizens to become familiar with the parks, trails, facilities, programs and services available to them.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 15th day of July in the year of Our Lord 2024.



Derek Norton

Mayor

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