

PROCLAMATION

Parks and Recreation Month July 2017

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Oregon City; 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

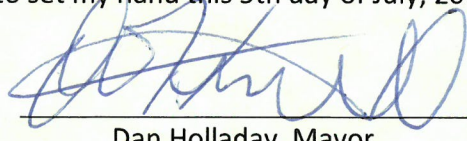
WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Oregon City recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dan Holladay, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month, and call upon the people of Oregon City to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of July, 2017.



Dan Holladay, Mayor