

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. Designating July as Parks and Recreation Month in Denver.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City & County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Denver has more than 250 urban parks totaling 4,000 acres; more than 1,800 acres of natural areas; 14,000 acres of pristine mountain parks; eight golf courses; 24 lakes and more than 80 miles of trails; and,

WHEREAS, Denver's parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community; ensuring the health of all citizens; and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the entire metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs help build healthy, active communities, aiding 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; attraction and retention of businesses; and reduction of crime; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, helping 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 – not to mention create places for children and adults to connect with nature; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Denver recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources and supports the development and maintenance of these important features and services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council hereby designates July as Parks and Recreation Month in Denver in recognition of the importance of our wonderful parks system and recreational facilities and programming available to every resident.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this resolution and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver Parks and Recreation Department.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2010

PRESIDENT