

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY 2023 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Bellingham, Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote 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 Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote healthy and active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are a leading provider of free, subsidized or low-cost services and education for all ages and abilities, and maintains open public access to natural and developed public spaces throughout the community; 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 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 are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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

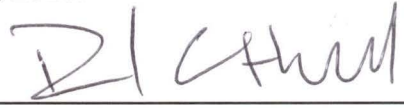
WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

July 2023 is designated as Parks and Recreation Month.

PASSED by the Council this 26th day of June, 2023.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 14 day of July, 2023.



Mayor

ATTEST: 

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney