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

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are vitally important to contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region, establishing and maintaining quality of life, and ensuring the 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, 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, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Coconut Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby declares July 2018, as

"NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH"

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages all citizens to participate in parks and recreation activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 28th day of June 2018.