

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Coconut Creek, promoting health and wellness and improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation activities encourage physical activity by providing space for popular sports, walking paths, splash pads, and many other activities designed to inspire active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation activities 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 programming and educational activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports, and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs enhance 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 programming is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, providing essential and adaptable infrastructure that make 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 Coconut Creek recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims July 2024 as

“PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH”

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages all community members 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 11th day of July 2024.**