Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Gulf Shores, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation 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 a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation enhances quality of life, promotes balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; inspires creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation build family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality;

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 benefits provided by parks and recreation programs reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

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

WHEREAS, Gulf Shores, Alabama recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Robert Craft, Mayor of Gulf Shores and on behalf of the Gulf Shores City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July as "Parks and Recreation Month in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Robert Craft

Robert Craft, Mayor

Attest: Wanda Carrie

Date: June 8, 2016

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

CITY OF GULF SHORES ALABAMA