

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 promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people; 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 encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; 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 is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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, on behalf of 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.



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

Robert Craft, Mayor

Attest:

Date:

