

# 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**, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

June 16, 2020

