



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts the physical and 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 encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; 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 increases 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, the City of Ocala recognizes these, and other benefits derived from recreation and parks resources and services.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of July 2023 in the City of Ocala as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 18th day of July 2023.



Kent Guinn, Mayor
City of Ocala