

RESOLUTION NO. 1196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON, relating to parks and recreation, and establishing July 11, 2012 as *Parks and Recreation Day* and the month of July as *Parks and Recreation Month* in the City of Des Moines, Washington.

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Des Moines, and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines' Parks and Recreation Programs and facilities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region, and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines' Parks and Recreation Programs build a healthy and active Des Moines that aid in the prevention of chronic disease and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, our Parks and Recreation Programs increase 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, our Parks and Recreation Areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, and

WHEREAS, our Parks and Natural Recreation Areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife, 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 Des Moines recognizes that the benefits derived from Parks and Recreation resources; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

July 11, 2012 (the Opening Day of the Auditorium and the Free Summer Concert Series at Des Moines Beach Park) is hereby recognized as *Parks and Recreation Day*, and July is recognized as *Parks and Recreation Month* in the City of Des Moines, Washington.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 5th day of July, 2012 and signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of July, 2012.


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk