

**RESOLUTION NO. 1231**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON,** relating to parks and recreation, and establishing 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 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 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 27th day of June, 2013 and signed in authentication thereof this 27th day of June, 2013.

  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk