

TO: Human Resource/Public Works Committee
Margaret M^cAvoy, Administrator/Controller

Isabella County Staff

FROM: Sue Ann Kopmeyer, Parks & Recreation Director



DATE: June 8, 2017

RE: Resolution Proclaiming July, 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month

BACKGROUND

The National Recreation and Park Association has declared the month of July as National Recreation and Parks Month, and encourages all Americans to celebrate by getting involved with their local parks and recreation programs and facilities. The designation of July as “Park and Recreation Month” has been celebrated in the United States every year since 1956.

Parks and recreation activities are an important aspect of our culture and heritage. Recreation and Park services positively impact our quality of life individually, economically, environmentally, and socially. It improves our economic vitality, reduces crime, violence and substance abuse, encourages physical fitness, and nurtures healthy interactions throughout the community. In cooperation with the State and National Recreation and Park Associations, and other local park and recreation agencies, we encourage all area residents to enjoy their parks and recreation facilities, programs and lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Earlier this month the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commissioners passed a resolution recommending to the BOC to proclaim July, 2017 be declared Parks and Recreation Month. Resolution # 17-06061 has been provided for review and approval by the Board of County Commissioners to officially support this resolution.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Not approve resolution

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. None

FINANCIAL IMPACT

1. None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 17-06-01 proclaiming July, 2017 as being Parks and Recreation month.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BOC Proposed Resolution
2. ICPR Approved Resolution

ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NO. 17-06-01

DESIGNATION OF JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Isabella County; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation 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, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, 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, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, 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 Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commissioners recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY that on this day June 20, 2017, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners proclaim July as Park and Recreation Month in the County of Isabella.

George A. Green, Chairperson
County Board of Commissioners

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Randy Vasold, Chairperson
Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission