



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Delray Beach, and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, advancing the power of well-being by improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation encourages physical activity and the power of play by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, youth sports, and many other activities designed to promote creativity, joy, lifelong learning, and active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS park 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 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 parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation strengthens the power of community by offering public spaces where residents and visitors can gather, celebrate, heal, and build meaningful connections; and

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

WHEREAS Delray Beach recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2026 as:

Parks and Recreation Month

in the City of Delray Beach and urge all citizens to recognize the benefits of parks and recreation with our city and to our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of July 2026.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.
MAYOR