



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Samuel Metott, Director, Parks and Recreation
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: May 17, 2022

PROCLAMATION: KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Recommended Action:

Motion to proclaim May 21, 2022, as Kids to Parks Day.

Background:

A NATIONAL DAY OF OUTDOOR PLAY

2022 marks the 12th anniversary of Kids to Parks Day, an annual day of outdoor exploration at local, state, and national parks and public lands across the country. Organized by National Park Trust, the mission of Kids to Parks Day is to foster future outdoor enthusiasts and help with developing the next generation of park stewards by engaging kids in memorable outdoor experiences. While discovering and exploring our parks, kids learn about park stewardship, outdoor recreation, STEM, and the history of our country and its amazing national treasures - because kids need parks and parks need kids!

Always hosted on the third Saturday of May, Kids to Parks Day encourages kids and families to get outside and create their own adventure at thousands of local park events and programs. National Park Trust works with cities and towns, teachers, families, park and public lands officials, and numerous sponsors and partners to make these events possible. Together we can protect and preserve our nation's parks and public lands, so please join us!

In addition to in-person events and outdoor experiences throughout the month of May, the Park Trust's #MyParkMyFuture social media campaign, beginning in April 2022, will encourage individuals and families to highlight an outdoor space that they consider valuable for current and future generations.