

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2021 (CRR)

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution proclaiming July 2021 to be National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Cleveland Heights; 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 City of Cleveland Heights is honored to take part in the annual observance of National Parks and Recreation Month to distinguish Cleveland Heights as an attractive and desirable community to live, work, play, and visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby proclaims July 2021 to be National Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Cleveland Heights and encourages residents to take advantage

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of the many opportunities to participate in parks and recreation programs and to enjoy the over 140 acres of parkland, multiuse paths, trails and playgrounds available throughout the City.

**SECTION 2.** Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize National Parks and Recreation Month on a timely basis. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

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JASON S. STEIN  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 21, 2021