



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, a park and recreation center is where a child first experiences nature or participates in a physical activity; a place where friends, families and neighbors gather and celebrate; a quiet area where an individual experiences respite and healing; or a facility and program where people participate in athletics, arts, culture, and events; and

*Whereas*, parks and recreation professionals provide essential services and opportunities every day to connect people and make communities in the city better places to live, work and play; and

*Whereas*, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the community recognized that parks, trails, recreation programs, and natural areas are essential to individual and community well-being; and

*Whereas*, parks and recreation professionals adapt and create opportunities to combat isolation, connect individuals, build relationships, and positively impact the overall health of the community; and

*Whereas*, parks and recreation professionals respond with resources that improve parks, trails, programs, and natural areas and offer public venues for communities to connect to, learn from and grow with each other; and

*Whereas*, open space and natural areas are vital to ecological benefits of cooler and cleaner air and water, reduced energy consumption, reduced surface water run-off; and

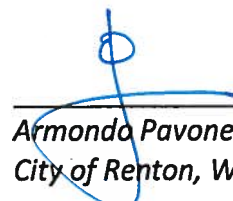
*Whereas*, City of Renton parks and recreation professionals' mission is to build an inclusive, informed city and make community spaces safe, engaging, educational and accessible to all;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim July 2021 to be

## *Parks and Recreation Month*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 28th day of June, 2021.

  
Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

