

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation has the opportunity to create a sense of belonging for all who engage in our services and 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; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, fitness programs, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community and serves as critical infrastructure necessary for advancing climate goals; 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, our community has consistently and graciously supported parks and recreation services through two voted measures; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim July 2026 as

Parks and Recreation Month

in the City of Olympia and invites all community members to enjoy and support the parks, trails, and recreation opportunities that make Olympia a healthy and vibrant place to live.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2026.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Dontae Payne
Mayor