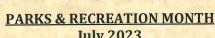


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parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country,

parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical

and mental health of people who live near parks; and

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

parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports,

hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active

parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and

education; and

park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out of-WHEREAS,

school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are

critical to childhood development; and

parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through WHEREAS.

increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism,

the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our WHEREAS,

community; and

parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our WHEREAS,

communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our WHEREAS.

community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature

and recreate outdoors; and

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

Recreation Month and the Township of Monroe recognizes the benefits

derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey do hereby proclaim July 2023, to be designated as Parks & Recreation

Month in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: June 26, 2023

STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR