

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

- WHEREAS** recreation and parks is an integral part of communities throughout America, including the City of Annapolis; and
- WHEREAS** recreation and parks promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and
- WHEREAS** recreation and parks 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 Alzheimers; and
- WHEREAS** recreation and parks encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS** recreation and parks programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and
- WHEREAS** recreation and parks 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** recreation and parks is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and
- WHEREAS** recreation and parks is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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 City of Annapolis joins the U.S. House of Representatives and the State of Maryland in acknowledging the importance of recreation and parks in our community and affirming their importance during the month of July.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

**July 2023 as
Recreation & Parks Month
IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

Gavin Buckley, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis to be affixed this 10th Day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-three.