

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

WHEREAS Recreation and Parks programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country; and
WHEREAS our Recreation and Parks 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 Recreation and Parks 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 Recreation and Parks 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 Recreation and Parks areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and
WHEREAS Natural recreation areas and parks 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 Natural recreation areas and parks also ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. PANTELIDES, MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**

July 2016 to be

Recreation and Parks Month

in the City of Annapolis

Michael Pantelides

Michael J. Pantelides, Mayor
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
Set my hand and caused the Great Seal of
the City of Annapolis to be affixed this 9th
Day of January in the year of our Lord, two
thousand sixteen