

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Pompano Beach; and

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

**WHEREAS:** parks and recreation 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:** parks and recreation 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:** parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; 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:** parks and recreation are essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

**WHEREAS:** The U. S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 2023 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in the City of Pompano Beach, Florida.

**DONE** this 27th day of June 2023.



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**REX HARDIN  
MAYOR**