

DESIGNATION OF JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Marco Island; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation areas are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of citizens, and contributing to the economic well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities and aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services, and improve the mental and emotional health of citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, and the attraction and retention of businesses; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, improving the quality of the air, and producing habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas enhance the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

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

WHEREAS the Marco Island City Council recognizes the hard work and dedication of our Parks and Recreation employees and the benefits derived from parks and recreation programming and resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY the Marco Island City Council that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Marco Island.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 19TH day of July 2021.

Jared Grifoni, Council Chair

ATTEST

Laura Litzan, City Clerk