

June 7, 2006

To: John M. Lamerato, Acting City Manager

From: Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager/Services
Carol Anderson, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Agenda Item - Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Recommendation

Staff requests acknowledgement by Council recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month in 2006.

Background

The month of July is designated as Parks and Recreation month by the National Parks and Recreation Association.

The purpose of this designation is to bring awareness to the benefits of Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation activities and experiences impact and benefit individuals, the community, environment and economy.

**PROCLAMATION
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH
July 2006**

WHEREAS, Troy Parks and Recreation officially recognizes **Parks and Recreation Month** in July with a variety of programs and activities that reflect the spirit of outstanding leisure programming that benefit the citizens of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Troy Parks and Recreation invites all citizens to celebrate **Parks and Recreation Month** by participating in a variety of fun summer programs for the entire family; and

WHEREAS, Our belief in enhancing the quality of life is the central purpose of this organization and the driving force behind **Troy Parks and Recreation** philosophy and in recognizing this special occasion; and

WHEREAS, We are committed to providing opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through rewarding recreational pursuits with high quality comprehensive programs, parks, facilities and open space; and

WHEREAS, Our 14 developed and 5 undeveloped parks and six special facilities comprising of 610 acres of open space, serve to offer exercise, sports and special event activities, relaxation and leisure pursuits for all interests; and

WHEREAS, Parks and open spaces provide a welcome respite from our fast paced, high-tech lifestyles while simultaneously protecting and preserving our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Troy Parks and Recreation special programs and sports opportunities give young people better chances to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, Troy Parks and Recreation creates lifelines and continued life experiences for older members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Parks, playgrounds, nature trails, open spaces and neighborhood sites make our community an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play and visit in a manner that contributes to our ongoing economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, Troy Parks and Recreation touches the lives of individuals, families, groups and the entire community, which positively impacts upon the social, economic, health and environmental quality of our community; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that we recognize July as **Parks and Recreation Month** and encourage all citizens to celebrate healthy, active lifestyles by participating in their choice of recreation and park activities.

Signed this 19th day of June, 2006