

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH
JULY 2014**

WHEREAS, The Troy Parks and Recreation Departments are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and region; and

WHEREAS, Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official **Parks and Recreation Month**. Residents and visitors are encouraged to enjoy the natural resources by visiting one of Troy's many parks or participating in some of our wonderful recreation activities this summer; 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 enhance 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 are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Natural Recreation areas 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, Troy's 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim **July 2014 as Parks and Recreation Month;**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite **all Troy residents** to recognize and celebrate the benefits derived from our excellent **Parks and Recreation Resources** and encourage everyone to take part in the wide variety of programs, classes and activities offered at our Troy Community Center and community parks.

Presented this 7th day of July 2014.