

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



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PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

1 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this
2 country, including Rock County; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality
5 of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and
6 environmental wellbeing of a community and region; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the
9 prevention of chronic disease, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through
12 increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and
13 retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental wellbeing of our
16 community; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent
19 flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and
20 produce habitat for wildlife; and

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

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

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28 **WHEREAS**, Rock County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
31 this 12 day of June, 2014 does hereby designate July as Parks and Recreation Month in the
32 County of Rock.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Summary

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. A program of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the America's Backyard initiative, the goal is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks, recreation, and conservation have on communities across the United States. Each July, the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) encourages Parks and Recreation Agencies across the country to kick-off summer programs, promote outdoor recreation, natural resource areas and open spaces, and pull together volunteers to make their outdoor spaces a thriving center of community activity.

This year's theme is "Out is In!" NRPA is encouraging agencies and communities to make 2014 the year people go outside, change their outlook, get involved in their community through parks and recreation and show how parks and recreation can help them improve their lives – from health and wellness to nature to community spirit and social equity.