

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities all over the country, including Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are important to establishing and maintaining a high quality of life in the community and improving the health of 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, attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of the community, protecting and preserving greenspace, improving air and water quality, ensuring the ecological beauty of Columbia, and providing a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Parks and Recreation is committed to providing safe, fun, and accessible parks, trails, recreational facilities, and leisure opportunities for all citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;

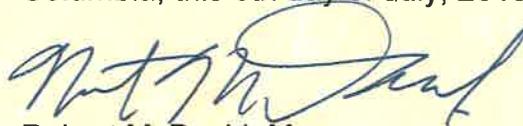
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert McDavid, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim July, 2015 as

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in the City of Columbia, Missouri.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 6th day of July, 2015.


Robert McDavid, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheela Amin, City Clerk