

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING JULY 2026 AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, the United States has celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "**The Power Of...**" celebrates the work of park and recreation professionals, part-time staff and volunteers involved in creating and maintaining essential community parks, facilities, and programs that bring people together through the power of what connects us; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the City of Hercules Parks and Recreation Department provided opportunities and safe spaces that engaged residents in the power of belonging, well-being and play through:

- ❖ **328 aquatics programs** that brought in **2,390 attendees**;
- ❖ **397 recreation programs** and classes attended by over **3,700 participants**;
- ❖ **9 preschool/grade school programs** that served over **3,750 children**; and provided
- ❖ **25 senior programs** and served over **8,850 senior meals** that enriched the lives of over **21,000 seniors**.

WHEREAS, the Hercules City Council recognizes the lasting benefits derived from the City's Parks and Recreation programs and resources as an essential and adaptable City infrastructure that increases the City's economic prosperity and makes our community more resilient because of their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Hercules. I encourage all citizens to participate in our City's parks and recreation programs and the take time to recognize and thank our parks and recreation professionals, staff and volunteers for their tireless work in fostering a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 23rd day of June 2026.

Chris Kelley, Mayor