

City of Palm Coast, Florida Agenda Item

Agenda Date: June 16, 2026

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Department	PARKS AND RECREATION	Amount
Division	PARKS AND RECREATION	Org/Account #
Subject:	PROCLAMATION - JULY 2026 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH	
Presenter:	James Hirst, Director of Parks and Recreation	
Attachments:	1. Proclamation	
Background:	<p>Since 1985, America has recognized July as Park and Recreation Month. A celebration hosted by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the goal is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks, recreation, and conservation have on communities across the U.S. This July, Palm Coast Parks & Recreation and the National Recreation and Park Association are celebrating “The Power Of...” showcasing the power of parks and recreation, play, nature, community, belonging, well-being, and the people who make these experiences possible.</p> <p>During Parks and Recreation Month, Palm Coast Parks & Recreation is encouraging everyone to go out and enjoy our parks, trails, and amenities. Whether you are looking to attend our summer camps, participate in a swim lesson, explore a trail, attend a Zumba class, meet friends on the playground, playing basketball in the park, or connect with nature, we invite you to take part in the moments that bring people together and make our city feel like home.</p>	
Recommended Action:	PROCLAIM JULY 2026 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH	



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1985, the month of July has been nationally celebrated as Parks and Recreation Month across the United States; and

WHEREAS, this celebration, led by the National Recreation and Parks Association, provides an opportunity to recognize the many ways parks and recreation enhance quality of life, strengthen communities, and enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Palm Coast Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the National Recreation and Parks Association, is celebrating Park and Recreation Month 2026 through the theme "The Power Of..." highlighting the essential role parks and recreation play in strengthening connections, inspiring play, fostering community, promoting well-being, encouraging belonging, and providing access to nature, all of which enrich lives and create vibrant, welcoming communities; and

WHEREAS, Palm Coast Parks & Recreation offers a variety of amenities, community events, and programs including summer camps, swim lessons, 13 parks and an interconnected trail system, adult fitness classes, social groups; and

WHEREAS, during Parks and Recreation Month, Palm Coast Parks & Recreation encourages everyone to come together and experience the sense of community that grows through parks, recreation, and time spent enjoying our wonderful City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, that July 2026, be officially designated:

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

and request that during Parks and Recreation month, all citizens explore, connect, and play in Palm Coast by taking part in their favorite sports, visiting the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

SIGNED this 16th day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

Mike Norris, Mayor