

**Before the Board of County Commissioners**  
**Martin County, Florida**  
**A Proclamation**

**Declaring July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in Martin County, Florida**

- Whereas,** parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Martin County; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of the people who frequent parks by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorder and Alzheimer’s; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and other pursuits designed to promote active lifestyles; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation programming and educational activities, such as out-of-school programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation increases 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
- Whereas,** parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community while providing a place for children and adults to recreate outdoors and connect with nature; and
- Whereas,** the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that July 2023 is Parks and Recreation Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the Board recognizes the benefits derived from the parks and recreation resources, commends the department’s work and encourages citizens to take advantage of the amenities and programs offered in Martin County.

**Presented this Twentieth Day of June 2023**

ATTEST:

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