

CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

Park and Recreation Month | July 2016

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Winter Park, and are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities improving the physical, mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas beautify our community, as well as provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, our Parks & Recreation Department was officially reaccredited in September 2015 by the Commission for Accreditation of Parks & Recreation Agencies and has been awarded the Playful City USA distinction for the sixth consecutive year.

WHEREAS, our Parks & Recreation Department recognizes Park and Recreation Month and distributes a very special calendar of activities for July; and

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

WHEREAS, the city of Winter Park recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **the month of July 2016**, to be **“Park and Recreation Month.”**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of June 2016.

Steve Leary
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Leary", is written over a circular embossed seal area.