



**JULY 2016 IS PARKS & RECREATION MONTH
A PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN OF ERIE**

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including The Town of Erie; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all 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, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, ensure the ecological beauty of our community providing a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tina Harris, Mayor of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as Parks & Recreation Month in the Town of Erie. Let all citizens celebrate the Town of Erie's parks and recreation facilities and recognize the vital contributions of our parks and recreation employees and volunteers. I urge all citizens to enjoy Erie's parks, open spaces, trails, and recreational facilities and programs by taking part in your favorite sports, visiting the outdoors, riding a bike, taking a fitness class, learning to fish, going for a walk, relaxing or spending time with family and friends.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2016

Tina Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Parker, Town Clerk