



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Town Council

Board Meeting Date: 6/22/2021

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SUBJECT: General Business

Park & Recreation Month Proclamation

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

PRESENTER: Patrick Hammer, Director of Parks & Recreation
Trustee Haid, Sponsor

TIME ESTIMATE: 5 minutes

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Accept Proclamation

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park & Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation, and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals - along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers - who maintain our country's local, state, and community parks.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities - from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people. This has been especially true throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Park & Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to communities.

The 2021 theme for National Parks & Recreation Month is "Our Park and Recreation Story." Parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories. Our local parks are often our first experiences in nature, our introduction to a favorite hobby or physical activity. They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of respite and healing sites that connect us with essential community services, and so much more.

In celebration of Park & Recreation Month, staff will be hosting its annual Medallion Hunt. The first clue will be posted on Monday, July 12 on the Department's social media accounts.

We look forward to serving the community this month, and every month, as we do our part to build community through the delivery of exceptional parks, open spaces, trails, facilities, programs and services.

Board Priority(s) Addressed: *(Note: Delete all priorities that do not apply and this note.)*

- ✓ Attractive Community Amenities
- ✓ Engaged and Diverse Community
- ✓ Prosperous Economy
- ✓ Well-Maintained Transportation Infrastructure
- ✓ Small Town Feel
- ✓ Safe and Healthy Community
- ✓ Effective Governance
- ✓ Environmentally Sustainable
- ✓ Fiscally Responsible

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proclamation
2. Park & Recreation Month Flyer