



Parks and Recreation Month Designation July 2025

WHEREAS, parks, recreation, open space, and golf is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, parks via its 37 designated parks and 350 acres of maintained park land, recreation via the world class Louisville Recreation & Senior Center serving over 400,000 guests annually, open space via its 2,000 acres of open space designated land and 32 miles of developed trail system, and golf via the Coal Creek Golf Course and the nearly 50,000 rounds played and top enrollment junior golf program in the state of Colorado, promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near Louisville and its public lands and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation, open space and golf promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's Disease; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation, open space and golf encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, walking, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation, open space and golf programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports, junior golf and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation, open space and golf 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, recreation, open space and golf is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation, open space and golf is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, our parks, open space, golf course and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville recognizes the benefits derived from parks, recreation, open space, and golf resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of Louisville that July 2025 is recognized as **Parks and Recreation Month** in the City of Louisville.

Dated this 8th day of July 2025

Christopher M. Mayor Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk