

Proclamation

RECREATION & PARKS MONTH

WHEREAS, the US House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month, and the National Park and Recreation Association has designated the theme of this year's celebration as "Build Together, Play Together" (hashtag: #BuildTogetherPlayTogether); and

WHEREAS, this year's theme — "Build Together, Play Together" — is a reminder of the contributions of 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 close-to-home parks. Each July, we celebrate park and recreation professionals and how they improve the lives of tens of millions of people, making a lasting impact in communities across the country.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities because they help establish and maintain a good quality of life, they contribute to the health of residents, and they support the economic and environmental well-being of the community and the region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs promote healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation for residents with disabilities, and improve the physical and emotional health of all residents; 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, produce habitat for wildlife, add to the ecological beauty of the community, and provide spaces for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro strives to maintain safe and healthy park amenities for all ages; and, the Town strives to offer a comprehensive recreation program, including youth and adult classes, youth and adult athletic leagues, camps, workshops, clinics, and community events; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department recently completed projects including a new playground at Baldwin Park in the Lloyd-Broad community and a newly enhanced Pump Track at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, both built with input from community members; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department have an average of over 20 years of service in providing excellent programs and amenities to grow our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2025 to be Recreation and Parks Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to enjoy our parks and natural areas, to take advantage of classes, camps, programs, and events provided by the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department, and to share appreciation and thanks with the department's many dedicated employees and volunteers.

This, the 17th day of June, 2025.


Barbara M. Foushee

