

# Proclamation Staff Report

**Date:**  
**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager  
**From:** Steve Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation *SS*  
**CC:** Nick Giauque, CPRP, Parks Programs Manager  
**Subject:** Resolution Proclaiming July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month

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**Board of County Commissioners Hearing:** June 23, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.

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**I. REQUEST**

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Parks and Recreation Month in July to promote the power of parks and recreation in building strong communities. This resolution recognizes the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals, along with the many seasonal workers and volunteers that maintain our country's local, state, and community parks.

In honor of this nationwide event, the attached resolution is provided to proclaim July as Parks and Recreation Month.

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 2026 AS  
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Douglas County, Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

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

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, 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 and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increase tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction: and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our community resilient in the face of natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, parks 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**, Douglas County, Colorado recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO**, hereby proclaim that July 2024 shall be commemorated as Parks and Recreation Month.

