

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 06-26-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
PROCLAIMING THAT JULY 2026 IS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE
CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are integral parts of communities throughout this country, including in Cordova, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks and recreate indoors and outside; and

WHEREAS, the existence of parks and recreation in a community promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating negative effects of illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activity by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles in youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are leading providers of healthy meals, nutrition services, and health education; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programming and educational activities such as out-of-school programming, youth sports, and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation 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 residents to a community, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the adaptable nature of parks and recreation infrastructure helps make communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community is shared and provides 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 Cordova recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED BY the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska that July 2026 is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Cordova, Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026





Kristin Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk