

# PROCLAMATION

## Parks and Recreation Month

### July 2016

**WHEREAS**, Parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Carson City; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department strives to provide residents and visitors with exceptional parks, open space and recreational opportunities while preserving our region's valuable natural, historical, and cultural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's parks, trails and open spaces are vitally important to the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all Carson City citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our region; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's vast park system of more than 30 parks and 6,900-acres of open space allows for recreation opportunities that help build a healthy, active community which aids in the prevention of chronic disease, provides therapeutic recreation services for individuals of all abilities, and also improves the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's premier park facilities enhance our community's economic vitality by increasing property values, while promoting tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's parks and natural areas are fundamental to environmental stewardship by improving water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, improving the quality of the air we breathe, providing natural buffers to development, and preserving habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and natural areas ensure the ecological beauty of Carson City and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives and the National Recreation and Parks Association have designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and calls upon communities throughout the country in recognizing the importance of our nation's parks and recreation programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert L. Crowell, Mayor of Carson City on behalf of the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim July 2016 as "**Parks and Recreation Month**" in Carson City and urge all residents to spend time with family and friends enjoying their favorite parks and trails, participating in their favorite sports, or just relaxing outdoors and enjoying this beautiful region we call home.



DATED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Robert L. Crowell, Mayor