

# PROCLAMATION

## Parks and Recreation Month

### July 2021

**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's mission is to provide exceptional parks, open space, and diverse recreational opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Carson City, while preserving our natural resources for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's parks, trails and open spaces have proven to be essential during the COVID-19 pandemic, due to the public's unprecedented use of its outdoor recreation areas. Carson City is proud to provide safe spaces for people to connect with nature, find solace, and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City has more parks per capita than the national average. The City's park system consists of over than 8,000-acres providing 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 improves the mental and emotional health of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's natural areas are fundamental to environmental stewardship by improving air and water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, and preserving wildlife habitat; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Carson City is honored to be a Tree City USA and the first Bee City USA in Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives and the National Recreation and Parks Association have designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and called upon communities throughout the country to recognize the importance of parks and recreation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lori Bagwell, Mayor of Carson City, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim July 2021 as "**Parks and Recreation Month**" in Carson City, and I urge all residents to spend time in their favorite parks and enjoy this beautiful region we call home.



Dated this 1st day of July 2021.

*Lori Bagwell*

Lori Bagwell, Mayor