

**WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation programs are an integral part of communities across this nation, including the City of Clearwater, and provide important health, wellness, and quality of life benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** our local Parks and Recreation areas are fundamental to our community’s environmental well-being. They enhance property values, attract new residents, provide opportunities for individuals, families, and groups to engage in physical exercise, serve as a tool for community engagement, promote social cohesion, reduce crime rates thus enhancing personal health and wellness, contribute to safety of our neighborhoods, and foster economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** our parks play a crucial role in preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, fostering an appreciation for the natural environment among community members, offering refuge from the stresses of daily life, and providing green spaces and recreational opportunities that area accessible to all, regardless of age, ability, or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS,** the Parks and Recreation Department plays a vital role in post-disaster activities including clearing roadways for emergency vehicles and providing storm shelters; and

**WHEREAS,** July has been designated as Parks and Recreation Month by the National Recreation and Park Association and is celebrated across the country to recognize the contributions of dedicated professionals who maintain and program these spaces;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE RECTOR,** Mayor of the City of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of the Clearwater City Council, do hereby proclaim July 2025, to be

**PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

in Clearwater and urge all citizens to take a break and recreate in one of the city’s beautiful parks or participate in the many activities and programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I**  
have set my hand hereto on  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025, the  
110<sup>th</sup> year of the incorporation  
of the City of Clearwater.

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**Mayor**