

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori Williams, Parks Director
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



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DRAFTED BY

June 6, 2016
DATE DRAFTED

PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

1 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this
2 country, including Rock County; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality
5 of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and
6 environmental well-being of a community and region; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the
9 prevention of chronic disease, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through
12 increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and
13 retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

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

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18 **WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent
19 flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and
20 produce habitat for wildlife; and

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

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25 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month;
26 and

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28 **WHEREAS**, Rock County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
31 this 23rd day of JUNE, 2016 does hereby designate July as Parks and Recreation Month in the
32 County of Rock.

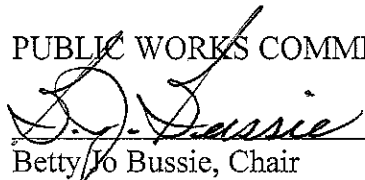
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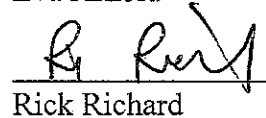
Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE


Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Absent
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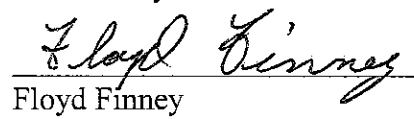

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PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Absent
Tom Presny


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Executive Summary

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. A program of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the America's Backyard initiative, the goal is to raise awareness of the vital impact that parks, recreation, and conservation have on communities across the United States.

This July we're celebrating 31 years of Park and Recreation Month and the enduring power of parks and recreation for the world. When we work together to further health and wellness, conservation and social equity efforts, awesome things happen!

Various research studies are confirming that community parks and recreation, green space and time outdoors is critical for creating healthy, active and sustainable communities. You can experience the benefits by visiting your community parks and recreation any time of the year, and especially during Park and Recreation Month.