



*Office of the Mayor*

# **P** r o c l a m a t i o n

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**WHEREAS** parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including The City of Deer Park, TX; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation enhances health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing spaces like the Dow Park Pool and the Deer Park Hike and Bike Trails along with other facilities for popular sports and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation programming and educational activities, such as the ASAP After School Program, Deer Park Youth Basketball and partnerships with youth sports leagues as well as out-of-school time programming, and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation increases the City of Deer Park's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

**WHEREAS** our Deer Park Nature Preserve and local parks ensure the ecological beauty of our community offering a vital space for children and adults to connect with nature and enjoy outdoor recreation; and

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

**WHEREAS** The City of Deer Park recognizes the benefits derived from park and recreation

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Mayor of City of Deer Park, along with City Council, that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Deer Park, Texas.

**“Parks & Recreation Month”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this second day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty Four, A.D.

**Jerry L. Mouton Jr., Mayor  
City of Deer Park, Texas**

