



Proclamation

To recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month.

WHEREAS The U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month which has celebrated since 1985 because parks and recreation areas and programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including here in the City of Lake Alfred.; and

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

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community'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 natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Alfred formally designates July 2016 as

"Parks and Recreation Month"

in the City of Lake Alfred and urges all citizens to experience the benefits by visiting our community parks and recreation resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand this 11th day of July, 2015.

Charles O. Lake, Mayor
City of Lake Alfred, Florida