



Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this county, including the City of Tukwila; and

WHEREAS, public parks and recreation systems are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life for communities contributing to the health, economic and environmental well-being of the community and the region; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities, programs, events, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society; create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; and improve the physical, mental and emotional health of the community; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila recognizes the vital contributions made by parks and recreation staff and volunteers who keep our public parks clean and safe, organize activities for all ages, provide programming on health, nutrition, and advocate for open space and trails; and

WHEREAS, during the Coronavirus pandemic, City of Tukwila Parks and Recreation staff members are supporting the local community through delivery of meals to seniors, distributing meals to school children, working at the Tukwila Food Pantry, as well as working outside their normal job duties to provide support to other divisions of the Parks Department and other City departments;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim July 2020 as:

Parks & Recreation Month

in the City of Tukwila and encourage all community residents to join me in recognizing this special observance.

Presented this first day of July, 2020.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor