



Mayoral Proclamation

- WHEREAS** Parks and Recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the state of North Carolina; and,
- WHEREAS** Parks and Recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; 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 encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and,
- WHEREAS** Parks and Recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and,
- WHEREAS** Parks and Recreation increases 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 Recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our state; and,
- WHEREAS** Parks and Recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters; and,
- WHEREAS** our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our state and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and,

WHEREAS local parks in our state generated over \$6 billion dollars in economic activity and provided over 37,000 jobs ranking NC as 10th in the nation; and,

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

WHEREAS the State of North Carolina recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE I, J. BLAKE MASSENGILL, MAYOR of the Town of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of July 2022 as **Parks And Recreation Month** in the Town of Fuquay-Varina.



FUQUAY-VARINA, NORTH CAROLINA

J. Blake Massengill

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