

## Proclamation

Whereas, this July **We Rise Up** for Parks and Recreation and all the professionals who build strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation; and

Whereas, the City of Renton recognizes the importance of this work, because park and recreation professionals advocate for their communities in service of equity, climate readiness, and overall health and well-being; and

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

Whereas, open space, trees, and natural areas are vital to ecological benefits of cooler, cleaner air and water; reduced energy consumption; and reduced surface water run-off; and

Whereas, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, a golf course, swimming pools, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

Whereas, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as museum exhibits, out-of-school time programming, youth sports, environmental education, and nutrition services are critical to childhood development and also enhance the quality of life for all residents; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Department is guided by the City's mission to build an inclusive, informed city and make community spaces safe, engaging, and accessible to all;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim July 2022 to be

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in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

*In witness whereof,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 11th day of July, 2022.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington