



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, since 1985, Americans have celebrated Parks and Recreation Month in July to promote the importance parks, trails, and recreation have in health and well-being, conservation, and social equity; and

*Whereas*, every day in communities across the city, parks and recreation professionals are providing essential services and making their communities better places to live, work, and play; and

*Whereas*, Community Services department personnel are on the frontline in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, homelessness, substance use disorders, the obesity epidemic, and other chronic health issues; and

*Whereas*, the services that parks and recreation professionals provide are vital for our communities — protecting open space and natural resources, and providing activities and resources for all people; and

*Whereas*, the tree canopy in Renton parks provides quantifiable ecological benefits of cleaner air and water and energy saved; Renton includes 82 acres of tree canopy and has been designated a Tree City USA for 12 consecutive years; and

*Whereas*, parks reduce the impact of large storms and flooding by serving as sponges that soak up runoff from nearby paved surfaces during rain events, which in turn prevents flooding and decreases property damage; and

*Whereas*, Renton parks and natural areas support both plant and animal biodiversity, which offer important educational opportunities and support overall ecosystem functionality; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources and appreciates the frontline staff who, every day, make these spaces safe, engaging, and accessible to the public;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim July 2020 to be

## *Parks and Recreation Month*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 6th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Armondo Pavone", is written over a horizontal line.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

