City of Sanibel

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Parks and Recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country,

including The City of Sanibel; 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 Alzheimer's; 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 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 Recr<mark>eation is fundam</mark>ental to the environmental well-being of our community;

and

WHEREAS: Parks and Recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our

communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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; and

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

and

WHEREAS: It is most appropriate that we recognize the benefits derived from Parks and

Recreation resources and the accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation

Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the City Council of the City of Sanibel, on behalf of the citizens of Sanibel are proud to recognize that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Sanibel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.

This 4th day of June 2024

Richard Johnson, Mayor

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Mike Miller, Vice Mayor

Laura DeBruce, Councilmember

John Henshaw, Councilmember

Holly D. Smith, Councilmember