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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs are an integral part
3 of communities throughout this country, including the State of
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation are vitally important to
6 establishing and maintaining the quality of life in
7 communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and
8 contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a
9 community and region; and

10 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs build healthy,
11 active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic
12 disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who
13 are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the
14 mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the
21 environmental well-being of our communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Parks and natural recreation areas improve water
2 quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the
3 quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to
4 development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

5 WHEREAS, Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the
6 ecological beauty of our communities and provide a place for
7 children and adults to connect with nature and recreate
8 outdoors; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we declare July of 2020 Parks and Recreation Month; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, the
15 Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Illinois
16 Department of Natural Resources, and the National Park and
17 Recreation Association.