

PROCLAMATION

Parks and Recreation Month July 2023

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are integral parts of communities throughout this country, including Albany, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs promote time spent in nature, which improves mental health, increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreational facilities encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, park 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 recreational facilities increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon, do hereby proclaim July 2023, as

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and encourage all residents and visitors to use Albany's parks and recreational facilities and to participate in Parks and Recreation programming.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 28th day of June 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander D. Johnson II", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor