

City of Dunedin, Florida  
Office of the Mayor

**P**roclamation  
in recognition of  
**National  
Parks & Recreation Month**

*Whereas*, we join the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association to recognize the month of July as Parks & Recreation Month; and

*Whereas*, the definition and purpose of Recreation is "to refresh, restore, and make anew" and is recognized as an essential part of human life; and

*Whereas*, the four pillars of the Florida Recreation and Park Association are Health, Environment, Community Building, and Economic Impact; and

*Whereas*, parks and recreation experiences build healthy, active communities, aids in the prevention of chronic disease, reduces stress, improves mental and emotional health; and

*Whereas*, parks are fundamental to the environmental sustainability of our community by providing places to connect with nature, enhancing water quality, providing habitat for wildlife, improving the air we breathe; and

*Whereas*, our parks and recreation system is vitally important to the quality of life in Dunedin, providing opportunities for people to come together as a community, transforming strangers into neighbors, attracting new residents and businesses, reducing crime; and

*Whereas*, the benefits of parks and recreation services to our citizens and the calming effect of spending time in a park are even more apparent and critical during these unprecedented times; and

*Whereas*, in honor of the year 2020, we want to take some time to reflect on the last 20 years in Dunedin and all of our great accomplishments ; and

*Whereas*, as we observe Parks & Recreation Month, let us not forget the vital contribution of employees, volunteers, and community partners who keep our parks clean, safe and accessible for all to enjoy; and

*Now, Therefore, I*, Julie Ward Bujalski, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Dunedin, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of **July 2020** as **Parks & Recreation Month** in Dunedin, and encourage everyone to take time from their busy lives to recharge the body, mind and soul at one of Dunedin's many parks and recreational facilities. Building a healthy community; *It Starts In Parks!*

Attest

*Rebecca C. Sanchez*  
City Clerk

In witness whereof, I have here-  
unto set my hand and caused  
the seal of the City of  
Dunedin to be affixed  
at Dunedin this date

July 14, 2020

*Julie Ward Bujalski*  
Mayor

