

# PROCLAMATION

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month to highlight the integral role that parks and recreation programs play in communities across the country, including the State of Florida and Marion County; and

**WHEREAS**, these programs promote physical wellness by providing access to sports facilities, trails, fitness classes, and recreational leagues that encourage active lifestyles, while also supporting mental and emotional well-being through time spent in natural settings and through therapeutic recreation services for individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation departments play a critical role in youth development by offering educational programs, environmental learning opportunities, summer camps, and out-of-school activities that foster personal growth, teamwork, and positive social behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County's parks, greenways, and natural recreation areas preserve local ecosystems, contribute to environmental sustainability, and offer accessible spaces for residents and visitors to explore, play, and connect with nature; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation initiatives contribute to economic growth by increasing property values, supporting tourism, attracting and retaining businesses, reducing crime, and strengthening the local economy;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **July, 2025** be known as

**“PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH”**

**DULY PROCLAIMED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **July, 2025**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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