## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS. parks and recreation are an integral part of our communities

throughout this country, playing a significant role in our quality

of life here in Olathe; and

WHEREAS, our parks and programs build healthy, active communities that

aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and

emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS. they enhance a community's economic prosperity through

increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and

crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks are fundamental to the environmental well-being of

Olathe by improving water quality, air quality, and supporting

wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Copeland, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim July 2020 as

## PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

in Olathe, urging all citizens to spend more time exploring City parks, enjoying our recreation programs, and leading a more active lifestyle.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of

Olathe to be affixed this seventh day of July, 2020.

chael Copeland, Mayor