

## Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Abingdon; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promote time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by promoting cognitive performance and well-being, and benefiting Veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder systems, depression, and better sleep quality; and

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

WHEREAS parks and recreation are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; 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; and

**WHEREAS** Abingdon residents recognize the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** Mayor Amanda Pillion that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Town of Abingdon.

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

Amanda Pillion Mayor