

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING JULY 2024 AS
PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of promoting health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks of communities throughout this country, including the City of Pflugerville; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages 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 recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Parks Commission and its subcommittees, and the Deutschen Pfest Advisory Committee support the four key pillars of City Council including safety, economic development, infrastructure, and services including parks, recreation, and open spaces; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Victor Gonzales, do hereby declare July 2024, as **PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH** in the City of Pflugerville, and encourage all residents to participate in the Parks and Recreation Department programming during the month of July, to celebrate the Trail Capital of Texas designation by using the over 56 miles of trails, and to read the award winning 2023 Pflugerville Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Master Plan to learn and participate in the future growth of the Parks and Recreation Department.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 9th day of July, 2024.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:

Trista Evans, City Secretary