



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Town of Knightdale; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in our communities, promoting physical and mental well-being, and fostering a sense of community and connection among residents; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs and facilities are essential in promoting social equity, offering accessible spaces and activities that promote inclusivity and diversity, bridging gaps between individuals from different backgrounds, and encouraging social interaction and cohesion; 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, parks and recreation professionals, including dedicated staff, volunteers, and advocates, work tirelessly to create and maintain safe, clean, and inviting spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of all community members; 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 month of July has been recognized as Parks and Recreation Month, providing an opportunity to celebrate the significant contributions of parks and recreation to our communities and to raise awareness about their importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jessica Day, Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of July as PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH in the Town of Knightdale. I encourage all residents to take advantage of the parks, green spaces, and recreational opportunities available to them and to participate in the various events and activities organized by our Parks and Recreation department.

This the 17th day of July, 2024

Jessica Day, Mayor

Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk