

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: June 29, 2010	1 st Reading _____ 2 nd Reading _____	Legal Review:	Work Plan #	Agenda Location: Presentations	Agenda Item: 6A-1
Subject: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY 2010 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THORNTON, COLORADO.					
Prepared by: Jan Kiehl			Approved by: Jack Ethredge		Ordinance previously introduced by: _____
Reviewed by: Mike Soderberg			Presented by: Andy Jennings Parks & Forestry Manager		

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- July has been designated by Congress as National Parks and Recreation Month.
- The City has five recreation facilities that provide a wide array of programs, recreation and physical fitness opportunities for the residents of Thornton.
- The City has more than 640 acres of developed parkland with 67 playgrounds and a variety of recreational amenities as well as over 1,000 acres of open space, all of which provide an opportunity for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors.
- Parks and Recreation staff will be promoting and highlighting July programs and events, which include the annual 4th of July Celebration, the monthly community walk, concerts in the parks, movies in the park, swim lessons, gymnastics classes, tennis lessons, dance and preschool classes, Senior Citizen Advisory Board BBQ and many others.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- None

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends approval of the resolution declaring the month of July as Thornton Parks and Recreation Month.

HISTORY: (includes previous City Council action)

- Each year since 1985, Americans have celebrated National Parks and Recreation Month during the month of July to recognize the importance of parks and recreation in establishing and maintaining the quality of life for, and contributing to the physical, economic and environmental well-being of communities.
- Through efforts by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the U.S. House of Representatives passed an official resolution for Parks and Recreation Month in 2009.
- This year’s theme is “Celebrate, Advocate, Recreate!” NRPA is encouraging members, agencies and citizens to use their programs and facilities to remind local decision makers and the community of the exciting and vital role that parks and recreation play in the lives of Americans.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY 2010 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN THORNTON, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout the country, including Thornton, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are vitally important in establishing and maintaining the quality of life in communities, ensuring the health of all citizens and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase 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, parks and recreation facilities foster a variety of activities that contribute to a healthier community; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation services play a vital role in creating active and healthy communities; and

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

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of the community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

That the month of July 2010 is hereby declared to be Parks and Recreation Month in Thornton, Colorado.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on _____, 2010.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

Erik Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk