

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **PARK AND RECREATION MONTH JULY 2022**

- WHEREAS,** *Parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country including the State of Maryland; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; 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,** *Parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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,** *Maryland is proud to join in celebrating the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JULY 2022 as PARK AND RECREATION MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July  
Two Thousand and twenty-one

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. W. W. W.*  
Secretary of State