

**Parks & Recreation Month
July 2023**

WHEREAS, park and recreation services are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Norwalk, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation services establish and maintain the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation services build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for individuals with mental or physical disabilities, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all residents; and

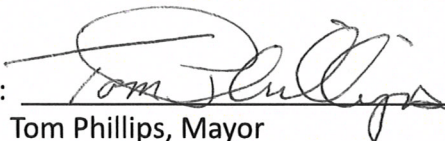
WHEREAS, park and recreation services increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and open spaces ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an official resolution and has designated July as Parks & Recreation Month;

Now, Therefore, I, Tom Phillips, Mayor of the City of Norwalk do hereby proclaim the month of July 2023 as Parks & Recreation Month, and take great pride and pleasure in recognizing and drawing attention to the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources in the local community and in communities across the nation.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2023.

Mayor: 
Tom Phillips, Mayor