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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FLEMING, CONKLIN, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, PROBST,  
VENKAT, KHAN, SCHLOSSBERG, DONAHUE, SANCHEZ, MALAGARI,  
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, CERRATO, MAYES AND BELLMON, APRIL 29, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, APRIL 29, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of July 2024 as "Parks and Recreation  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs are an integral part  
4 of communities throughout this country, including this  
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The enjoyment of parks and other forms of recreation  
7 promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental  
8 health of people who live near parks and natural areas; and

9 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs promote time spent in  
10 nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing  
11 cognitive performance and well-being and alleviating illnesses  
12 such as depression, attention deficit disorders and Alzheimer's  
13 disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Parks encourage physical activities by providing  
15 space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many  
16 other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

17 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programming and education

1 activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports  
2 and environmental education, are critical to childhood  
3 development; and

4 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs are leading providers  
5 of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

6 WHEREAS, Parks and recreational activities increase  
7 communities' economic prosperity through increased property  
8 values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the  
9 attraction and retention of businesses and crime reduction; and

10 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation are fundamental to the  
11 environmental well-being of our community; and

12 WHEREAS, Parks and natural recreation areas are essential and  
13 adaptable infrastructure that make our communities resilient in  
14 the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

15 WHEREAS, Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the  
16 ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for  
17 children and adults to connect with nature and recreate  
18 outdoors; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has  
20 designated the month of July as "National Park and Recreation  
21 Month"; and

22 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the benefits  
23 derived from parks and recreation resources; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
25 month of July 2024 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in  
26 Pennsylvania.