

Mayor Christian Price

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Maricopa; and

Whereas, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining 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, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

Whereas, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society; create lifelines and continuous life experience for older members of the community; generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of 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 natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; 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, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Park and Recreation Month; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa recognizes the benefits derived from park and recreation resources

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of July, as **PARK AND RECREATION MONTH** in the City of Maricopa.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013

Christian Price, Mayor