



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Parks and recreation is an integral part of the communities throughout this country, including the City of Grand Junction; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring the health of all our community members and contributing to the economic and environmental wellbeing of Grand Junction and the region; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and a feeling of wellbeing; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking and biking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; 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 the reduction of crime; and
- Whereas,** parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental health of our community; and 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 Parks and Recreation Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2025 as

"Parks and Recreation Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon everyone who lives, plays, works, and learns to recognize and promote parks and recreation in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of July, 2025.



Cody Kennedy
Mayor