

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, the parks and recreation system is vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, promoting the health of all our community members and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of Grand Junction and the region; and

Whereas, parks and recreation provides critical health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near and use parks; parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and a feeling of well-being; and

Whereas, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing infrastructure for popular sports, hiking and biking trails, swimming pools and many other recreational activities designed to promote active lifestyles, which is particularly relevant this year as Grand Junction is about to open the state-of-the-art Community Recreation Center at Matchett Park; and

Whereas, parks and recreation is vital to a community's economic prosperity by increasing property values, expanding the local tax base, increasing tourism, attracting and retaining businesses and residents, and reducing crime; and

Whereas parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental health of our community; and our parks and natural recreation areas provide places for all ages to enhance quality of life and build a strong community; and


Whereas, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurel Lutz, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2026 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 1st day of July, 2026.


Laurel Lutz

Mayor