

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0119R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Middleton
Introduced and adopted: July 11, 2022

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Park and Recreation Professionals Day**

3 FOR the purpose of proclaiming July as Park and Recreation Month and July 15 as Park and
4 Recreation Professionals Day and encouraging all citizens to recognize the importance of
5 park and recreation services and celebrate the dedicated service of Baltimore’s park and
6 recreation professionals.

7 **WHEREAS**, since 1985, Americans have celebrated July as the nation’s official Park and
8 Recreation Month;

9 **WHEREAS**, park and recreation services are vital to our City, protecting our natural resources,
10 helping the citizens of Baltimore maintain healthy bodies and minds, and providing activities and
11 resources for those from all walks of life.

12 **WHEREAS**, park and recreation professionals help build strong, vibrant, and resilient
13 communities by selflessly delivering high-quality experiences and opportunities and keeping our
14 parks clean, safe, welcoming, inclusive, and ready to use.

15 **WHEREAS**, research by the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods
16 indicates that community involvement in neighborhood parks is associated with lower levels of
17 crime and vandalism.

18 **WHEREAS**, according to studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating,
19 improving, and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community
20 health and results in a 25% increase of residents who exercise at least 3 times per week.

21 **WHEREAS**, parks and protected public lands help improve water quality, protect
22 groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air, serve as a habitat for wildlife, and
23 provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

24 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (“BCRP”) provides
25 access to beautiful parks, trails, waterways, and other facilities to the citizens of Baltimore and
26 the dedicated staff of BCRP maintain and protect these amenities and provide high quality
27 programming to visitors.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
2 Baltimore City Council proclaims July as Park and Recreation Month and July 15 as Park and
3 Recreation Professionals Day and encourages all citizens to recognize the importance of park and
4 recreation services and celebrate the dedicated service of Baltimore’s park and recreation
5 professionals.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City
7 Administrator, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Mayor’s
8 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.