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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Park and Recreation Professionals Day**

For the purpose of proclaiming July as Park and Recreation Month and July 15 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day and encouraging all citizens to recognize the importance of park and recreation services and celebrate the dedicated service of Baltimore's park and recreation professionals.

Whereas, since 1985, Americans have celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month;

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks ("BCRP") provides access to beautiful parks, trails, waterways, and other facilities to the citizens of Baltimore and the dedicated staff of BCRP maintain and protect these amenities and provide high quality programming to visitors.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, that the Baltimore City Council proclaims July as Park and Recreation Month and July 15 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day and encourages all citizens to recognize the importance of park and recreation services and celebrate the dedicated service of Baltimore's park and recreation professionals.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.