*(Print on official certificate or letterhead.)*

**Designation of July 17 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day**

**WHEREAS,** the [municipality name] [governing body, i.e. Council/Board of Commissioners/ Supervisors] recognizes that the parks and recreation field is a diverse and comprehensive system that improves personal, social, environmental and economic health; and

**WHEREAS,** the [governing body] recognizes the importance and benefits of park and recreation services that enrich the lives of its citizens, and help make this community a desirable place to live, work and visit; and

**WHEREAS,** the [governing body] supports the skilled work of park and recreation professionals to strengthen community cohesion and resiliency, connect people with nature and each other, and provide and promote opportunities for healthful living, social equity and environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS,** the [governing body] values the essential services that park and recreation professionals and volunteers perform to provide recreational and developmental enrichment for our children, youth, adults and older adults; and to ensure our parks and recreational spaces are clean, safe, inclusive, welcoming and ready to use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the [governing body] does hereby proclaim **July 17, 2020,** as **“Park and Recreation Professionals Day”** in [municipality.]

**ADOPTED** this [\_\_\_] day of [month] 2020.

 *(Add sections for official seal, signature(s) and date.)*