



Proclamation



WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Hartsville, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community; and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and,

WHEREAS, 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 and the City of Hartsville, South Carolina recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim the month of July 2017, as

"PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH"

and encourage all our citizens to increase awareness of the importance of all areas of parks and recreation as fundamental to the well-being of our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Hartsville.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk