



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Nevada, IA; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation promote time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation increases 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** parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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

**WHEREAS** the City of Nevada, Iowa, Story County, Iowa recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan Condon, Mayor, do hereby proclaim**

### JULY AS "PARK AND RECREATION" MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Nevada, Iowa to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



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Ryan Condon, Mayor