

**TOWN OF CLAYTON**  
**PROCLAIMING JULY 2011 AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

2011-024

**WHEREAS** parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Town of Clayton; 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 region; 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**, the Town of Clayton is known as the "*Premier Community for Active Families*," 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** parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS** parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; 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 Clayton Town Council recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources and adopted a goal "to expand leisure opportunities and arts community," and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Honorable Mayor and Town Council that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Town of Clayton and urge our citizens to relish the wonders of nature around them and participate in the diverse recreation opportunities offered to them by the Town of Clayton Parks and Recreation Department.

Duly proclaimed this 20th of June 2011 while in regular session.



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Jody L. McLeod  
Mayor