

Proclamation

**Parks & Recreation Month
July 2014**

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, July is celebrated across the nation as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, It is established through statewide public opinion research, 98% of California households visit a local park at least once a year; two in three households visit a park once a month; 50% of households participate in an organized recreation program; and most park use is with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Residents value recreation as it provides positive alternatives for children and youth to reduce crime and mischief especially during nonschool hours; it promotes the arts; it increases social connections; aids in therapy; and promotes lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Residents value their parks for access to outdoor spaces for children and adults to play and be active; exercise and group sports; and

WHEREAS, Parks provide access to the serenity and the inspiration of nature and outdoor spaces as well as preserve and protect the historic, natural and cultural resources in our community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove urges all its residents to recognize that parks and recreation enriches the lives of its residents and visitors as well as adding value to the community's homes and neighborhoods,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the month of July 2014 as Parks and Recreation Month and in doing so, urges all its citizens to use and enjoy its parks, open space, facilities, and recreation opportunities.

June 24, 2014

Recommended for Approval

Matthew Fertal

**Matthew Fertal
City Manager**