## COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

## PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION, NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Dorchester County Council, recognizes that parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Dorchester County; and

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

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, walking and hiking trails, swimming pools/splash pads and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as nature walks, nature explorer's camps, birding for kids, fishing clinics, 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, 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. Congress has designated July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Dorchester County Council does hereby proclaim July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month and encourages all citizens to visit our parks and recreation facilities, and to enjoy the natural beauty of the outdoors in Dorchester County.

ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

ATTEST: Draces

S. Todd Friddle, Chairman

Dorchester County Council