



## **Proclamation**

### **Declaring July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month**

#### **In the City of Hastings, MN**

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Hastings; 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 encourage physical activities by providing space for popular sports, and hiking trails, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation staff members maintain nearly 30 miles of trails and 37 parks for our community, along with the Hastings Civic Center, Hastings Family Aquatic Center, fields, courts and playgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programming and education activities, such as youth and adult athletic leagues, provide opportunities to engage with others in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation provide numerous entertainment options that take advantage of our natural amenities and support tourism through the use of Levee Park and other parks; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation take care of the trees in our city and work to ensure the ecological beauty of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, each July the City celebrates National Parks and Recreation Month with a Party in the Park, which will be held this year on July 30 at Levee Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hastings recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Mary Fasbender and the Hastings City Council hereby declare the month of July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Hastings.