

**Proclamation**  
**Parks and Recreation Month**  
**July 2017**

**WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Novi, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and region; 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**, Novi's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has achieved the national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), joining 1 percent of agencies nationwide and demonstrating excellence in the areas of operations, management and customer service, and; Novi recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bob Gatt, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, proclaim the month of July 2017 Parks and Recreation Month.

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Bob Gatt  
Mayor, City of Novi