

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** parks, recreation and cultural programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all people, and contributing to the economic and environmental wellbeing of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and open spaces are fundamental to the emotional and environmental health and wellbeing of our community; providing respite and opportunities to recreate, improving water quality, protecting groundwater, prevent flooding, improving the quality of the air we breathe, providing vegetative buffers to development, and producing habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS 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 improve the mental and emotional health of all people; and

**WHEREAS** cultural services strengthen the community's identity, enhance the natural and built environment, and support Shoreline's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS** the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and likewise, the City of Shoreline recognizes the benefits derived from parks, recreation and cultural services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2020 as

## PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Will Hall, Mayor