



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs enhance our quality of life by contributing to a healthy lifestyle, community building, economic development and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs boost the economy, attract new business, and increase tourism; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 174 state parks, trails and historic sites that inspire residents and visitors with recreational opportunities and scenic beauty that helps strengthen families, educate children and support local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Park Service is the proud recipient of three National Gold Medals for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, making Florida America's only three0time Gold Medal winner; and

WHEREAS, our parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife, and

WHEREAS, local, state and national parks located within the State of Florida contribute to the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents of and visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association designated July as Recreation and Parks Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing July 2017 as *Recreation and Parks Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 11th day of July, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor