

# City of PEORIA Proclamation

*WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an essential part of communities throughout the country, including Peoria, Arizona; and*

*WHEREAS, parks and 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 also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Peoria continues to encourage the utilization of its parks and trails in accordance with physical distancing protocols, and provide online alternatives to in-person sports and activities; 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, Peoria's thirty-six neighborhood parks, two community parks, forty+ miles of shared-use pathways, ten miles of mountain trails, 548 acres of mountain recreational space and recreation facilities such as the Rio Vista Recreation Center and the Peoria Sports Complex are vitally important. All of these contribute to establishing and maintaining Healthy Neighborhoods, Economic Prosperity, Superior Public Services, and Arts, Cultural and Recreational Enrichment opportunities for the well-being of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, the new Paloma Community Park will soon add eighty-five developed acres of new and exciting recreational amenities and access to thousands of acres of natural open space for citizens and visitors alike; and*

*WHEREAS as a CAPRA-Accredited organization, the City of Peoria assures continued excellence in quality and improvement of operation, management, and service to the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Peoria, Arizona proudly recognizes the benefits derived from its parks and recreation resources.*

*Now Therefore, I, Cathy Carlat, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Arizona, do hereby proclaim July 2020 as*

**"PARK AND RECREATION MONTH"**

*In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Peoria, Arizona to be affixed this 16th day of June, 2020.*



*Cathy Carlat*  
Cathy Carlat, Mayor

Attest:  
*Rhonda Geriminsky*  
Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk