



RESOLUTION 2017-3

*RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO
DESIGNATE JULY 2017 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH*

WHEREAS, for over fifty years, State College Borough, College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton Townships have combined and shared resources to provide for a regional parks and recreation program, and,

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the six Centre Region municipalities that have a combined population of almost 100,000 residents, and;

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; 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 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 parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas preserve open space, provide vegetative buffers to development, protect riparian areas, and produce habitat for wildlife; and


WHEREAS our parks, pools, and Nature Center, ensure the ecological beauty of our regional community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the COG recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Government that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month for the Centre Region municipalities.

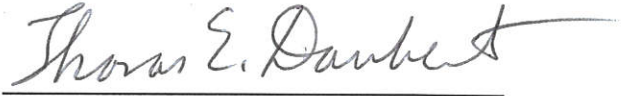
RESOLVED this 26th day of June, 2017.

Attest:



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By:



Thomas E. Daubert, Chair
Centre Region COG