



**TOWN OF BELLEAIR**

# **Proclamation**

**IN RECOGNITION OF  
PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Belleair; 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 improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, Belleair recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY H. KATICA, MAYOR of the TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim the month of JULY 2014 as**

**PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

**and urge all citizens to recognize and support the Park and Recreation Department.**

**Given under my hand and Seal of  
the Town of Belleair, Florida this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.**

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**Mayor**