## **Proclamation**

## "Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts Month"

July 1-31, 2023

**Whereas**, Adams County is dedicated to responsibly serving the community with integrity and innovation, offering inclusivity for all families and businesses; and,

**Whereas**, Adams County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts exists to significantly enhance quality of life, enrich our communities and inspire; and,

**Whereas**, Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Adams County; and,

**Whereas**, Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people in our communities. These spaces promote time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and wellbeing; and,

**Whereas**, Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts programming and installations are critical to a community's economic prosperity through increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and,

**Whereas**, Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts is fundamental to the environment well-being of our community, and is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; 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**, The U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**Whereas**, Adams County recognizes the benefits derived from parks, open space, and cultural arts resources.

**How, Therefore, be it Resolved**, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims the month of July as

## "National Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts Month"

with special recognition and appreciation for the team behind planning, managing and maintaining our county's parks system, open spaces and cultural arts. We urge all residents to celebrate the achievements of this outstanding team and promote the importance of public recreation spaces and the natural beauty of our communities and our nation.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed June 27, 2023.