July has been proclaimed Parks and Recreation Month at the national level and by the Governor of the State of Florida. In recognition of the many contributions to the community, the City of Largo also proclaims this month as Parks and Recreation Month and encourages residents to take advantage of the many facilities and services provided for their enjoyment and well being.
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 attract new businesses and residents, and increase tourism; and

WHEREAS, Largo is home to beautiful park and recreation facilities that inspire residents and visitors with recreational opportunities and scenic beauty that create personal connections and experiences which help strengthen families, educate children and support the local economy; and

WHEREAS, local park and recreation opportunities contribute to the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors to our City; and

WHEREAS, during the previous fiscal year more than 3.2 million people visited Largo’s park and recreation facilities contributing to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, parks, trails and green space ensure not only a beautiful City, but help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts Department is the proud recipient of four Agency of Excellence awards, making it the only agency in Florida to receive this statewide honor four times; 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, WOODY BROWN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 2018 as

RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

in the City of Largo and encourage all residents to visit and enjoy our many park and recreation facilities and programs designed to enhance the quality of life in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Largo, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of July, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST: [Signature]
City Clerk