

**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Alaska  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area; 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**, 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

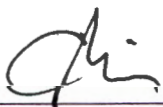
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Charlie Pierce, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2021 as:

**Parks and Recreation Month**

and encourage all citizens to enjoy the parks, trails, open spaces and recreational opportunities available on the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

  
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Charlie Pierce  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor