

*Mayoral Proclamation
Recreation and Parks Month
July, 2009*

WHEREAS, public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents in communities around the world through recreational programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; and

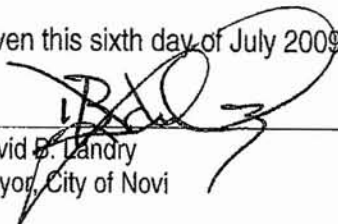
WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; pay dividends to communities by increasing housing values and attracting business and jobs; and

WHEREAS, during Recreation and Parks Month, we recognize the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in parks who advocate for more open space and better trails, fundraise for local improvements, keep public parks clean and safe for visitors, organize youth activities, and provide educational programming on health, nutrition, and first aid.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, David B. Landry, Mayor of Novi, proclaim the month of July 2009 Recreation and Parks Month. I encourage all residents to enjoy all that our community has to offer by taking part in your favorite sports, visiting the outdoors, spending time with family and friends or just relaxing. I call upon residents to learn more about how to support the places that bring our communities a higher quality of life, safer places to play and healthy alternatives through recreation programming for everyone.

Given this sixth day of July 2009



David B. Landry
Mayor, City of Novi