

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
JULY 2013 AS
NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Clayton County, Georgia; 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 and programs 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:** Clayton County, Georgia recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources and designates July as Parks and Recreation Month; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2013 as Parks and Recreation Month in Clayton County, Georgia. I call upon all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of our recreation and park facilities and encourage you to learn more about the services and programs offered through our Parks and Recreation Department.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 2nd day of July in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman