



1           WHEREAS, parks across the state provided Louisiana residents with places to  
2 exercise and enjoy fresh air during the COVID-19 pandemic when Governor John Bel  
3 Edwards declared such activities essential during the statewide stay-at-home order; and

4           WHEREAS, personnel from local park and recreation departments and agencies from  
5 all areas of Louisiana come to the capitol to promote the vital assets and services they offer  
6 to their communities; two park systems in Louisiana are accredited through the National  
7 Recreation and Park Association (NRPA): New Orleans Recreation Development  
8 Commission and the capitol region's Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East  
9 Baton Rouge, known as BREC; less than two percent of park systems in the United States  
10 receive this accreditation; and

11           WHEREAS, BREC is a 2022 NRPA National Gold Medal Award winning park  
12 system.

13           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 recognize the great societal value of parks and recreation facilities and programs and their  
15 importance in local communities across the United States; does hereby recognize and honor  
16 the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in park and recreation facilities; and does  
17 hereby designate May 16, 2023, as Parks and Recreation Day at the state capitol and the  
18 month of July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in Louisiana.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 executive director of Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

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DIGEST

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