

City of Kenmore, Washington

Kids to Parks Day – May 22, 2021

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the last decades; and

WHEREAS, we should encourage children to lead more active lifestyles to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation of nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore features spectacular local and State parks and the Burke-Gilman Trail, including waterfront activities at Tl'awh-ah-dees (formerly Squire's Landing) Park; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic has contributed to a recent rise in depression among children, and outdoor "play therapy" can be an enjoyable and cost-effective remedy; and

WHEREAS, Kids to Parks Day will recognize the importance of recreating responsibly while enjoying the benefits of the outdoors; **NOW, THEREFORE**

I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 22 as Kids to Parks Day** throughout the City of Kenmore. We urge residents of Kenmore to make time on May 22 to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state, or national park for safe enjoyment of our beautiful surroundings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 17th day of May 2021.



Signed: _____

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Mayor David Baker

Attested: _____

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City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol

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NATIONAL PARK TRUST