



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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Deanna R. Reed
Mayor

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 20th, 2017 AS KIDS TO PARKS DAY

WHEREAS, May 20th, 2017 is the seventh Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

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 a more active lifestyle 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 for nature and the outdoors.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Deanna R. Reed, Mayor of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 20th, 2017, to be Kids to Parks Day. I urge residents of the city to participate and make time to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

GIVEN under my hand this 9th day of May, 2017.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk