PROCLAMATION

Whereas totaling more than 1,000 acres, Pasadena’s 24 parks enrich the lives of residents and visitors, provide access to nature for play and exercise, add value to our community’s homes and neighborhoods, and benefit thousands of children, adults and seniors annually with a wide range of services and programs provided by the City; and

Whereas to broaden our youth’s appreciation for nature and the outdoors, it is important to introduce a new generation to our City’s parks, which provide opportunities for recreational programs, social connection and lifelong learning; and

Whereas organized by the National Park Trust, May 19, 2018 is the 8th annual Kids to Parks Day, which encourages children and families to get outdoors, visit America’s parks and lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of obesity, diabetes and hypertension; and

Whereas the City is celebrating with planned activities for over 2,500 youth, including might mite and youth basketball; 49 soccer games scheduled for 1,700 players aged 3-18 in our parks and playing fields; youth tennis lessons and free play, tiny tots soccer instruction at Brookside, Central Park and Victory Park; an exhibition of amateur youth boxers at Villa-Parke; and open recreation and free play at playgrounds, trails, open space, and sports fields across the City;

Now, Therefore I, Terry Tornek, Mayor of the City of Pasadena, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018 in Pasadena as

Kids to Parks Day

and urge all residents to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

Mayor of the City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Dated this 19th day of May, 2018