



**State of Minnesota
City of Oakdale
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, recreation programs and events promote physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activities; and

WHEREAS, recreation programs and events build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically challenged, improve the mental and emotional health of all residents, and are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, recreation programs and events support safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, parks and other natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of communities and provide a place for all to connect with nature and to recreate outdoors; and

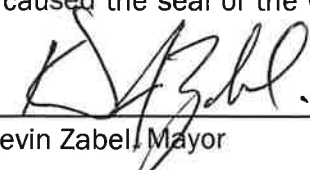
WHEREAS, the City of Oakdale supports the skilled work of its parks and recreation professionals in strengthening community cohesion and resiliency, connecting people with nature and each other, and providing opportunities for healthful living; and

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) will celebrate 40 years of Park and Recreation Month this year, with the theme “Build Together, Play Together”; and

WHEREAS, as part of Park and Recreation Month, NRPA proclaimed the third Friday in July as Park and Recreation Professionals Day.

THEREFORE, I, Kevin Zabel, the Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, hereby proclaim July as “Park and Recreation Month”, and July 18, 2025 as “Park and Recreation Professionals Day” in the City of Oakdale.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed this 8th day of July, 2025.



Kevin Zabel, Mayor