

**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**MAY IS COMMUNITY SWIMMING MONTH
PROCLAMATION 2026-03**

WHEREAS, public swimming pools are vital community spaces that bring people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities together for recreation, connection, and shared experiences; and

WHEREAS, community swimming promotes physical health, mental well-being, and social interaction, helping to build stronger, more connected neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, access to inclusive and affordable swimming opportunities ensures that all residents—especially youth, families, and older adults—can enjoy the benefits of aquatic recreation; and

WHEREAS, public pools provide a welcoming environment where individuals can gather, learn, exercise, and create lifelong memories; and

WHEREAS, community swimming programs—including open swim, family swim, and water exercise—play an essential role in fostering equity, reducing barriers to participation, and improving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, local pools and aquatics staff contribute to the vitality of our community by creating safe, inclusive, and engaging environments for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District hereby designates May 2026 as “Community Swimming Month”, and encourages all residents to:

- Visit and enjoy their local public pool
- Participate in community swim programs and events
- Spend time together as families, friends, and neighbors in shared aquatic spaces
- Support efforts to keep public pools accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we celebrate the role of public swimming pools as essential community assets that strengthen connection, promote wellness, and enhance the livability of our region.

Adoption: ADOPTED by the **Board of Commissioners** of the **Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District** at an open meeting of such Board on the **28th of April 2026**, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Signed by:
Shane Young

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President Young

Signed by:
Holly Campbell

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