# CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
# CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**ITEM:** Proclamation – Kids to Parks Day – May 18, 2019

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**BACKGROUND:** The attached proclamation designates May 18, 2019 as Kids to Parks Day. This proclamation is one way to demonstrate the City's commitment to encouraging kids and families to get outdoors and visit West Des Moines' parks.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council approve the proclamation designating May 18, 2019 as Kids to Parks Day in West Des Moines.

**Lead Staff Member:** Sally Ortgies

**STAFF REVIEWS**

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| Department Director | |
| Appropriations/Finance | |
| Legal | |
| Agenda Acceptance | |

**PUBLICATION(S)** (if applicable)

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| Published In | N/A |
| Dates(s) Published | |

**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)

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| Committee | N/A | | |
| Date Reviewed | | | |
| Recommendation | Yes | No | Split |

# Kids To Parks Day
# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May 18, 2019 is the ninth 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; 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 outdoors; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of West Des Moines, Iowa do hereby proclaim to participate in Kids to Parks Day. I urge residents of West Des Moines to make time May 18, 2019 to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

Dated this 6th day of May 2019

Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk