

**RESOLUTION
OF THE CANTON BOARD OF PARK
COMMISSIONERS**

**In Recognizing the Benefits of Parks and Recreation and that July is
Parks and Recreation Month**

Whereas, parks and recreation activities enhance the physical health and mental well-being of individuals, work forces, and communities; and

Whereas, participation in recreation programs builds self-esteem and provides positive and constructive alternatives to anti-social behavior; and

Whereas, parks and recreation opportunities and open spaces enhance the desirability of communities as locations for business, industry, and residential housing; and

Whereas, parks and recreation opportunities stimulate tourism revenues and the economic development of communities; and

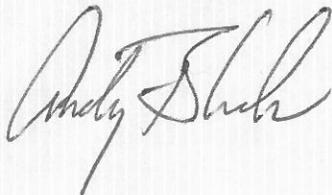
Whereas, parks and open spaces are vital to the appearance and livability of communities, protect our air and water, and balance our ecosystem; and

Whereas, it is the right of everyone regardless of age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin or ability to participate in parks and recreation programs and activities and enjoy parks and open spaces.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Canton Board of Park Commissioners join with the citizens of Canton and the citizens in other communities of the State of Ohio in recognizing that parks and recreation services are essential to the quality of life not only in July during "July is Parks and Recreation Month", but all through the year as well.

Signed this 13 day of JUNE, 2007

Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary

