

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day is organized and launched by the National Park Trust to empower kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the last decades; and

WHEREAS, more than ever before, Dallas children need our help in their fight against obesity. We should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day is the perfect complement to the Mayor's Youth Fitness Initiative (MyFi) to mobilize the Dallas community to take coordinated action to improve youth health and fitness; and

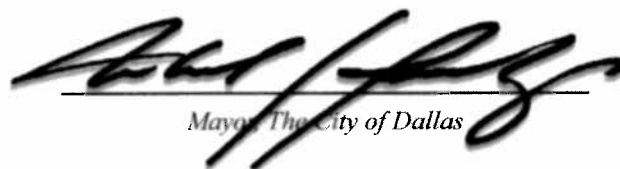
WHEREAS, The Dallas Park and Recreation Department maintains more than 21,000 park acres including 17 lakes with 4,400 surface acres of water at 17 park sites, 17,196 acres of greenbelt/park land, and 61.60 miles of jogging and bike trails at 24 locations; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors, improve the physical and mental health of children across our city, and showcase the great outdoor recreational activities available to Dallas residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE RAWLINGS, mayor of the City of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2014 as

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

in Dallas, Texas.


Mayor, The City of Dallas

