



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 03-19-2019**

Title:

Approval of and authorization to execute a Certificate of Recognition declaring June through August 2019 as “Play Ball Summer” throughout the City of Broken Arrow

Background:

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is supporting Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball’s initiative to provide play opportunities to youth in communities across America.

Mayor Thurmond along with 313 mayors from across the country have signed the Play Ball pledge, which demonstrates Broken Arrow’s commitment to the initiative.

On March 30, 2019 Mayor Thurmond will host the opening celebrations of Play Ball Summer at the Indian Springs Sports Complex in cooperation with the Broken Arrow Youth Baseball homerun derby and Opening Day of the Recreation League. These activities display the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) continued support of the “Play Ball Summer” initiative, which focuses on the fun nature of baseball and encourages an active and healthy lifestyle for kids in all communities.

Mayors across the country are hosting similar activities to engage citizens, families, and city departments to organize individual and community events (such as playing catch, running bases in the backyard, family gatherings, park and recreation activities, business-supported activities, etc.) These activities will focus on exposing children to the sport of baseball and softball while providing a fun opportunity to remain active throughout the summer months.

Cost: \$0.00

Funding Source: N/A

Requested By: Phil Hink, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

Attachments: Play Ball Summer Proclamation 2019

Recommendation:

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