



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** May 18, 2024, is recognized as the 14th annual Kids to Parks Day, organized and launched by the National Park Trust to encourage families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Park Trust encourages communities to promote the numerous enriching experiences parks provide to visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks and broaden our children's appreciation for nature and the great outdoors; and
- WHEREAS,** we should encourage children to lead more active lifestyles to combat childhood health issues and promote mental well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Newport News operates and maintains 36 parks with over 8,900 acres, 54 playgrounds and more than 40 miles of trails for children and families, residents, and visitors to enjoy every day; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Newport News is hosting the newly expanded 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Festival of Friends at Newport News Park on Saturday, May 4, 2024, which will offer more than 100 free outdoor activities and attractions.

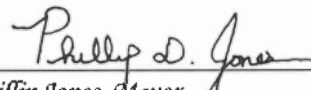
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Phillip Jones, Mayor of the City of Newport News, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as

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in the City of Newport News and encourage all residents to invite the children in their lives to explore and experience the many opportunities and amenities available at the Children's Festival of Friends and throughout our city's parks.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be duly affixed the Seal of the City of Newport News, Virginia, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
Phillip Jones, Mayor  
City of Newport News, Virginia

ATTEST:

  
Mabel Washington Jenkins MMC  
City Clerk