

City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, parks are an essential part of a vibrant community where we play, find solace, connect to nature and art, as well as supporting our community health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation was ranked second in the nation by the Trust for Public Land's 2021 ParkScore™ Index and our Saint Paul Parks and Recreation has been ranked among the top three urban park systems nation-wide for every year of the ranking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy was created in 2008 to be the private nonprofit champion of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation's 179 parks and 5,000 acres of parkland, to help realize the City of Saint Paul's vision; and

**WHEREAS**, Priscilla Brewster is being honored today with the "Golden Shovel Award" in recognition of her role as the Conservancy's first board president, raising and contributing significant funds to launch the master plan for Lilydale Regional Park, fund park improvements and found the Conservancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Debby Smith is being honored today with the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for her hundreds of hours as a volunteer Garden Steward for the East Gateway Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul Garden Club is being honored today with the "Park Booster Award" in recognition of their 94 years of volunteer service and contributions to the beautification of Rice Park, in addition to the development of other parks and public gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, Khalique Rogers is being honored today with the "Changemaker Award" in recognition of his passionate advocacy and community organizing to help establish the new Midway Peace Park; and

**WHEREAS**, today is the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy's Party for the Parks to celebrate all the people who make Saint Paul Parks and Recreation an award-winning national leader.

Now, Therefore, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 28, 2021, to be:

in the City of Saint Paul

**Parks and Recreation Day**



**In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Twenty-Eighth Day of July in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-one.**

**Melvin Carter, Mayor**