

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
JULY 2011 AS
PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Federal government has recognized that parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Clayton County, Georgia with their designation of July as Parks and Recreation Month. Our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife. Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of the community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate in the outdoors.

Now, therefore I, Eldrin Bell, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, **do hereby recognize the month of July 2011 as "Park and Recreation Month" in Clayton County, GA.** The Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to enjoy this national celebration by visiting our various parks and recreational areas that have been created to further enhance community participation and overall health and wellness.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County,
Georgia to be affixed this 5th day of July 2011.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman