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Provincial Government Proclaims June 20 – 26, 2022 as Recreation Professionals Week

Saskatchewan — The Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals (S.A.R.P.) is thrilled to announce that the week of June 20 – 26, 2022 has officially been proclaimed Recreation Professionals Week in Saskatchewan for the fourth consecutive year, thanks to the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Hon. Laura Ross.

“Recreation is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community well-being” (*A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015: Pathways to Wellbeing*). Behind parks, open spaces, facilities and services; are a diverse group of hard-working professionals that deliver programs and services that meet the highest standards in Canada.

These past few years have been filled with many changes, and like so many other fields recreation has had to adapt and people had to adjust to new ways they live and take part in leisure and recreation activities. “The pandemic has highlighted the importance of access to leisure activities as an investment in the long-term health and well-being of communities and institutions. This would not be possible without the dedicated recreation professionals in our province,” said Guylaine Green, S.A.R.P. Chief Administrative Officer.

Their work reduces healthcare and social service costs, enhances property values, attracts new businesses, enhances community development and increases tourism opportunities.

S.A.R.P. will be highlighting one recreation professional every day of Recreation Professional week on their website and social media channels (@saskrecprof) to celebrate their outstanding contributions that are benefiting Saskatchewan residents.

Recreation professionals are formally educated, trained and certified. With their passion, core body of knowledge, and experience; these professionals deliver programs and services in a variety of settings such as health care and community settings, mental health services, and schools. These professionals also manage large infrastructure used by residents of Saskatchewan, such as multi-purpose centres, aquatic facilities, soccer centres, parks, trails, and open spaces.

About S.A.R.P.

The Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals (S.A.R.P.) is a non-profit member driven organization committed to the recreation profession by representing and supporting current and future

recreation professionals. Our Members are Individuals such as Recreation Professionals, Recreation Students, and retired Recreation Professionals. Learn more at sarponline.ca.

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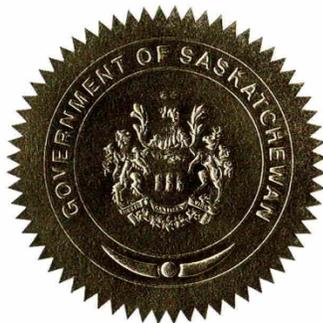
Certificate of Recognition

I, Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport
in the Province of Saskatchewan
in exercise of the powers conferred upon me,
do hereby designate the week of
June 14 - 20, 2021 to be:

"Recreation Professionals Week" in Saskatchewan

And I request the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan to
recognize this week.

Dated at the City of Regina this 6th day of May, 2021.




MINISTER