

Town of Zionsville PROCLAMATION HONORING ZIONSVILLE NATURE PLAY DAYS

WHEREAS, between June 10 - 18, 2017, across the state of Indiana, Nature Play Days will encourage families in Indiana to play outdoors and reap the physical, mental and emotional benefits nature play provides; and

WHEREAS, 2016 was the first year for Nature Play Days and 115 Nature Play Day events were held across the state; and

WHEREAS, Nature Play Days is an initiative of the Indiana Children and Nature Network (ICAN) and the Environmental Education Association of Indiana (EEAI); and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of Nature Play Days is to reconnect children with the outdoors and provide a space for outdoor exploration and fun; and

WHEREAS, today's children spend less time outdoors than ever before due to demanding schedules, use of electronics and more; and

WHEREAS, Nature Play Days will offer children and nature lovers the ability to connect with nature and begin to create what will hopefully be a lifelong relationship with and in nature; and

WHEREAS, Zionsville Nature Play Days will feature opportunities to explore Eagle Creek and other natural habitats with the Zion Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, Zionsville Nature Play Days will include activities such as campfires and night hikes, storytelling in the grass, teddy bear picnic, bike with a cop, wetland explorations and more – all free and open to the public.

NOW THEREFORE, celebrating Nature Play Days and encouraging children and families to play outside and participate in Nature Play Day events

The Town of Zionsville, through its Mayor, proclaims June 10 – 18, 2017 as

ZIONSVILLE NATURE PLAY DAYS

and asks all Citizens to join in this observation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Zionsville formally honors Zionsville Nature Play Days on June 10 - 18, 2017.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Town of Zionsville to be affixed

TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA BY ITS MAYOR

Timothy R. Haak, Mayor

ATTEST:

Edward J. Mitro, Deputy Mayor