

PROCLAMATION
Ann Arbor Skatepark Day

WHEREAS, ensuring the vitality and well-being of our community relies on providing diverse recreational opportunities for citizens of all abilities and ages; and

WHEREAS, skateboarding serves as more than just a recreational activity but as a conduit for personal growth, self-expression, and resilience, instilling valuable life skills such as perseverance and determination; and

WHEREAS, engaging in physical activity, such as skateboarding, contributes to improved mental health by reducing stress, anxiety, and depression while enhancing cognitive function and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, the continued support of skateboarding within our community will provide opportunities for youth to hone their skateboarding skills and cultivate friendships, social connections, and a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor's support for the Ann Arbor Skatepark aligns with our commitment to supporting the interests and passions of our citizens and enhancing the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, studies have demonstrated a positive correlation between participation in extracurricular activities, including skateboarding, and academic achievement, with increased focus, discipline, and time management skills among participants; and

WHEREAS, support for skateparks and skateboarding aligns with our community's commitment to promoting opportunities for success among our youth, recognizing the multifaceted benefits that recreational activities can have on mental health, academic performance, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark continue to be steadfast in their commitment to making Ann Arbor a better place for all, creating free recreational opportunities for young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2024, as Ann Arbor Skatepark Day. I call upon community members and leaders from across Washtenaw County to unite in supporting skateparks and skateboarding, recognizing the profound impact the activity has on the well-being of young people and community members of all ages.



*I hereby set my hand and seal
this 22nd day of June 2024*

Christopher Taylor

*Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor*