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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS FIRST EVER KIDS TO PARKS DAY**

*Mayor DeMaria encourages kids to get outdoors and visit city parks*

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Mayor Carlo DeMaria held the first Annual Kids to Parks Day in the City of Everett. Kids to Parks Day is a national day of outdoor play organized by National Park Trust in cooperation with thirty national collaborators. This year marked the 7<sup>th</sup> annual nationwide Kids to Parks Day.

To empower kids and encourage families to get outdoors and visit parks the Mayor organized the event at Swan Street Park. The event included a face painter, balloon twister, and demonstrations from the Everett Health and Wellness Center on fun games that can be played at all parks. The Everett Fire and Police Departments, YMCA, RCN, and Boy and Girl Scout organizations were also in attendance.

Mayor DeMaria stated, “This was a great day and opportunity to invite the youth of Everett and their families to one of our City’s parks and connect them to our community. I want to help families engage their kids with local parks and green spaces and empower them to explore the outdoors.”

The National Park Trust indicated that they reached their goal of 1- million participants. Kids to Parks Day 2017 included more than 1,700 park events nationwide and over 450 mayors and elected officials proclaimed May 20<sup>th</sup> Kids to Parks Day.

Mayor DeMaria would like to urge all residents to mark your calendars for Kids to Parks Day 2018. The Mayor wants to continue the movement that encourages children in the City to explore parks and discover nature and adventure right around the corner or just across town.

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