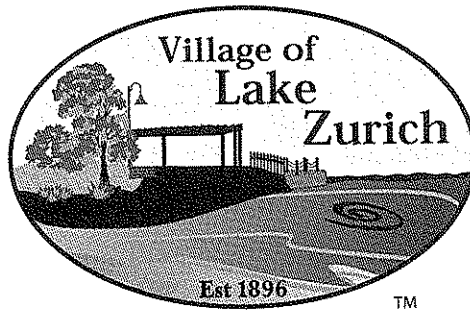


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PROCLAMATION
JUNE, 2012, LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE MONTH

Whereas, the Village of Lake Zurich recognizes the benefits of outdoor play, and that direct exposure to nature is essential to nourish children's physical, social, intellectual, and emotional development; and

Whereas, scientific research is showing children are becoming disconnected from nature-based experiences due to hours engaged with electronic media instead; and

Whereas, time spent in nature by children promotes curiosity, creativity, cooperation, improves learning of science and provides joy, a sense of well being and confidence; and

Whereas, providing children outdoor nature experiences increases involvement in stewardship of our environment; and

Whereas, bringing children into nature and creating safe places and programs that provide increased and improved outdoor nature exploration opportunities to promote discovery and creative play is of great importance to our society; and

Whereas, the Village of Lake Zurich and its neighboring communities have rich natural venues ranging from its namesake lake, the Flint Creek Watershed, community parks, conservation areas, and forest preserves, all of which must be shared with the children to promote environmental education; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois has resolved to show its support for the same Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and further designates the month of June as "Leave No Child Inside" month; and

Whereas, the Village of Lake Zurich shows our support for the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, which states that every child should have the opportunity to: discover the wilderness, camp under the stars, follow a trail, catch and release fish, frogs and insects, climb a tree, explore nature in neighborhoods and cities, celebrate their heritage, plant a flower, play in the mud and learn to swim.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Suzanne Branding, Village President of the Village of Lake Zurich, do hereby proclaim **June, 2012 Leave No Child Inside month** as an important initiative and encourage the residents of Lake Zurich to enjoy the wonderful benefits that outdoor nature experiences have to offer.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2012.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

Suzanne K. Branding
Suzanne K. Branding, Village President