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## **Mayor Tony Mack Stands Behind Recreation**

**TRENTON:** Mayor Tony F. Mack wants to reiterate his unwavering support for the Department of Recreation, Natural Resources, & Culture. During the past few weeks there have been rumblings from members of City Council questioning the legitimacy of the department and its programs. There was even talk about the outright elimination of activities such as: Heritage Days, Thanksgiving Parade, and our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Mack wants to make it clear that the City will continue to provide these activities for members of our community.

We are cognizant that our current fiscal crisis requires a strict scrutiny approach to budgeting priorities, but we also need to employ some common sense budgeting here in City Hall. One of the most important issues voiced to Mayor Mack, during his 20+ Town Hall Meetings and interacting with thousands of Trentonians, is the importance of leisure activities for children, adults, and our seniors. Our administration has taken the position that the City should use a portion of its tax dollars to provide worthwhile recreational opportunities for residents. These activities have always been accessible and free, if not affordable.

The City provides residents with recreation centers, parks, after-school programs, the Summer Feed Program, pools, fishing derbies, chess programs, Heritage Days, Thanksgiving Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting, National Night Out, Take it To the Streets, various athletic leagues and so much more. We stand by these programs and will reject any plan that would eliminate these programs and activities for residents. Furthermore, we will continue to work hard to secure grants and corporate sponsorships to help alleviate budgetary concerns.

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