

P R O C L A M A T I O N

75th Anniversary of NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation

Whereas, on February 22, 1950, representatives of 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities met at Dillard University in New Orleans to form the National Intramural Association (NIA), which evolved into the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association that is now known as NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation, and

Whereas, for 75 years, NIRSA has been a trailblazing organization dedicated to fostering lifelong habits of wellbeing, promoting inclusive recreational sports, and supporting fitness and recreation programs across university and college campuses, U.S. military installations, municipal recreation programs, and beyond, and

Whereas, NIRSA has played an essential role in the professional development and education of collegiate recreation professionals by providing vital training and resources to strengthen the quality of life for individuals and communities, and

Whereas, NIRSA has been instrumental in the advancement and design of state-of-the-art recreational facilities and programs that promote leadership, teamwork, health, and wellbeing for participants of all backgrounds, and

Whereas, in 2025, NIRSA proudly marks its 75th anniversary, celebrating its rich legacy of leadership and innovation as well as its commitment to advancing the field of collegiate recreation, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the NIRSA Board of Directors commemorates and proclaims the year of 2025 as the 75th Anniversary of NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation in recognition of the organization's decades of dedication to enhancing the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities, and

Be it further resolved, that the NIRSA Board of Directors proclaims February 22 Founders Day to annually commemorate and remember the beginning of the Association, and

Be it further resolved, that the NIRSA Board of Directors encourages its members, affiliates, and the greater recreation and wellbeing community to celebrate this milestone by honoring NIRSA's past accomplishments, engaging in today's celebrations, and leading into the future by continuing to promote the strategic values of equity, diversity, and inclusion; leadership; global perspective; service; health & wellbeing; and sustainable communities through appropriate events and activities.



Adopted by the
NIRSA Board of Directors
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