## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

## DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 AS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO LOCAL PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE, AND FACILITIES AS A RESPITE FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *promotes physical*, *emotional and mental health and wellness* through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *supports the economic vitality of communities* by providing frontline jobs, childcare for the essential work force and promoting community revitalization; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *creates memorable experiences* through engaging virtual and physically distanced programs, dynamic online events and new learning opportunities designed to keep families active while stay-at-home orders are in place and beyond; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *fosters social cohesiveness* in communities by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to come together peacefully, modeling compassion, promoting social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people have access to its benefits; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *supports human development* and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *strengthens community identity* by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics and landscape; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *facilitates community problem and issue resolution* by providing safe spaces to come together peacefully and serving as key points of service, helping our communities heal both physically and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *sustains and stewards our natural resources* by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation *supports safe*, *vibrant*, *attractive*, *progressive communities* that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation remains *versatile and innovative* in providing vital services to communities through local, national, or global emergencies, all while adhering to guidelines set forth by governing agencies; and

WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society has released a statewide public awareness campaign, "Parks Make Life Better!®" to inform citizens of the many benefits of utilizing parks, facilities, programs, and services

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Beaumont that the citizens of Beaumont, California recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians; and be it further resolved, that we declare the month of July 2021 as "Parks Make Life Better!®" Month.

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of July 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By:

Mayor, Mike Lara

ATTEST:

Nicole Wheelwright
Deputy City Clerk

By: