

City of Capitola

Mayor's Proclamation

Proclaiming July 2022

"Parks & Recreation Make Life Better!" Month

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation creates memorable experiences through youth sports and enrichment activities, teen centers and programs, senior activity centers, adult fitness and enrichment programs, free community events, and beyond; and the City of Capitola Recreation division is dedicated promoting physical, emotional and mental health and wellness for all through programming designed around fitness, creativity, play, and activity; and

WHEREAS, Parks are an integral part of the community by enriching our connections with nature and with one another,

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, Capitola Recreation offers an Afterschool Rec Club, for students to enjoy a safe and fun place to get homework help, a healthy snack, participate in activities and develop confidence in learning new skills; and Main St Elementary, Soquel Elementary and New Brighton students from 1st grade through middle school able to enroll in the program;

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 supports safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Capitola Recreation currently has about 51 employees and offers nearly 100 different classes and other programming including Camp, Junior Guards, Classes, Events, Rentals & Sports; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Storey, Mayor of the City of Capitola, do hereby proclaim June 2022, as **Parks & Recreation Make Life Better! Month and encourage all citizens of the City of Capitola to join me in this observance.**

Sam Storey, Mayor
Signed and sealed this 23rd day of June, 2022