



Parks Make Life Better! Month July 2024

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 partnering with local businesses and non-profits, and offering events for resident's engagement; and

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

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 that the citizens of 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 2023 as "Parks Make Life Better!®" Month.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2024

David Claffey, Mayor