

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM**  
**PROCLAIMING JULY 2020**  
**AS**  
**“PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER” MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation promotes physical, and mental health and wellness for all ages through organized and self-directed play and activity; and
- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation supports the economic vitality of communities by providing frontline jobs, childcare programs, and promoting community revitalization; and
- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation fosters social cohesiveness in communities by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to come together peacefully, modeling compassion, promoting social equity, and ensuring all people have access to its benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation facilitates community problem and issue resolution by providing safe spaces to come together peacefully and facilitating conversations and services in order that our communities may 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 through recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Folsom Parks and Recreation Department creates memorable experiences through engaging virtual and physical distanced programs, services, events, and experiences to keep families active while stay-at-home and restricted orders are in place, and beyond, that further enrich lives daily; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Jim Kirstein has devoted countless hours, days, and years to furthering the City’s mission to provide an abundance of beautiful trails accessible to the City of Folsom residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Jim Kirstein has always willingly and graciously assisted with the building of, maintenance of, and publicity of our City’s over 50 miles of trails; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Jim Kirstein’s role in Friend’s of the Folsom Parkway has further contributed to the education and awareness of our City’s unique environmental resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the Folsom City Council recognizes the role Mr. Kirstein has had in highlighting the wonder’s and uniqueness of our City’s amenities including our local parks, trails, open spaces, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, and inspiration for everyone in Folsom.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I Sarah Aquino, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim July 2020 as “Parks Make Life Better” month and I further wholeheartedly thank Mr. Jim Kirstein for his service and commitment to our Community and in doing so, urge all citizens to use and enjoy Folsom’s parks, trails, open spaces, facilities, and recreation opportunities.**

**PROCLAIMED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

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Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

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