

## PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® RESOLUTION, 2023



This resolution recognizes the importance of equitable access to local parks, recreation, trails, open space, and facilities for the positive development of all Californians and their communities. We, therefore, declare the month of July 2023 as Parks Make Life Better!® Month.

**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.