

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® RESOLUTION, 2020



This resolution recognizes 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. We therefore declare the month of July 2020 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 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 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 in their recreational opportunities; 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 2020 as "Parks Make Life Better!®" Month.