

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JULY 2015 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

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*WHEREAS*, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Santa Barbara County, that foster human development, providing positive alternatives for children and youth of all ages as they learn to participate in outdoor and other educational activities that are part of the foundation of productive and active citizenry; and

*WHEREAS*, parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

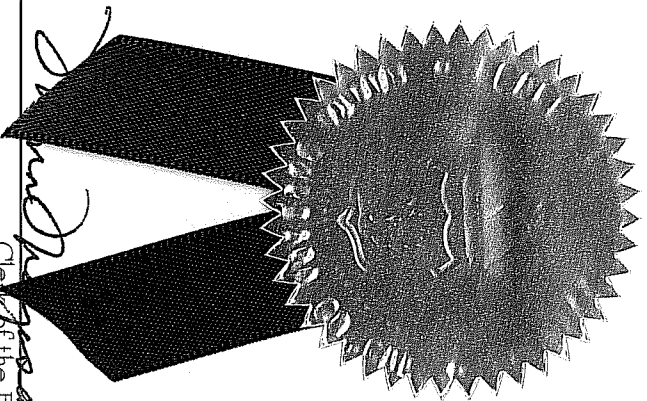
*WHEREAS*, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife. Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide access to the serenity and the inspiration of nature and outdoor spaces where children and adults can connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

*WHEREAS*, approximately 7.3 million visitors enjoy the County's 8,600 acres with facilities that include 63 parks and open spaces, 520 campsites and 48 reservable day use group areas.

*WHEREAS*, the Parks and Recreation facilities of Santa Barbara County are some of our most important assets that serve to improve the mental and physical health of all residents and preserve and protect the historic, natural and cultural resources in our community. The County of Santa Barbara urges all its residents to recognize that parks and recreation enriches the lives of its residents and visitors and to go visit a park!

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County proclaims the Month of July 2015 as Parks Make Life Better!<sup>®</sup> Month and in doing so, urges all its citizens to use and enjoy its parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreation opportunities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 7th day of July 2015, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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