

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF JULY 2018 AS PARKS
AND RECREATION MONTH**

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 can 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 7.5 million visitors enjoy the County's 8,600 acres with facilities that include parks, beaches, trails, open spaces, campsites and day use areas; and

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 ; and

WHEREAS, 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 2018 as Parks Make Life Better![®] 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 3rd day of July 2018, by a unanimous vote of all members present.