

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® RESOLUTION, 2019



This resolution would recognize the importance of access to local parks, recreation, trails, open space, and facilities for the positive development of all Californians and their communities and would declare the month of July 2019 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 attracting new businesses, promoting community revitalization, increasing tourism, providing jobs and generating revenues; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *creates memorable experiences* through engaging programs, dynamic events and new opportunities designed to get people involved in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *fosters social cohesiveness* in communities by celebrating diversity, providing inclusive services, 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 *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 *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* through the application of the skills of its community stakeholders in community engagement, collaboration, and leadership; 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 by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, that the Legislature recognizes 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 the Legislature declares the month of July 2019 as "Parks Make Life Better!®" Month; and be it further resolved, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.