



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING JULY 2021 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 I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby 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 declare the month of July 2021 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021.

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**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**



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