



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
JULY 2016 AS
"PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER" MONTH**

WHEREAS, it is established through statewide public opinion research that 98% of California households visit a local park at least once a year; 2 in 3 households visit a park once a month; and 50% of households participate in an organized recreation program; and

WHEREAS, recreation provides positive alternatives for children and youth to reduce crime especially during nonschool hours; promotes the arts; increases social connections; aids in therapy, and promotes lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, residents value parks for access to outdoor spaces for children and adults to play and be active, the serenity and the inspiration of nature and outdoor spaces, as well as preserve and protect the historic, natural, and cultural resources in our community; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Arroyo Grande and visitors benefit from the wide range of parks, trails, open space, sports fields, athletic courts, facilities and programs provided by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as "Parks Make Life Better" Month and urge the citizens of Arroyo Grande to use and enjoy its parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreational opportunities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 26th day of July 2016.

JIM HILL, MAYOR



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