



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING JULY 2018
AS "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH"**

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, it is established through statewide public opinion research that 98% of California households visit a local park at least once a year; two in three households visit a park once a month; 50% of households participate in an organized recreation program; and most park use is with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, residents value recreation as it provides positive alternatives for children and youth to reduce crime and mischief especially during non-school hours; it promotes the arts, it increases social connections; aids in therapy; and promotes lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, residents value their parks for access to outdoor spaces to play and be active, exercise, and participate in group sports; and

WHEREAS, parks provide access to 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, Arroyo Grande's children, youth, families, adults, seniors, businesses, community organizations, and visitors benefit from the wide range of parks, trails, open space, sports fields, tennis courts, facilities and programs provided by the City's Recreation Services and Public Works Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande urges all of its residents to recognize that parks and recreation enriches the lives of its residents and visitors as well as adding value to the community's homes and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, July is Parks and Recreation Month across the nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim July 2018 as "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH" and urge citizens to use and enjoy its parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreation 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 June 2018.

JIM HILL, MAYOR



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