



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
RICK BLANKENBURG**

**WHEREAS**, Arroyo Grande is recognizing Rick Blankenburg for his 50 years of continuous participation in Special Olympics, San Luis Obispo County Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick and Maxine Blankenburg helped bring Special Olympics to San Luis Obispo County in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, their son Rick Blankenburg was one of the first four athletes from San Luis Obispo County Region to participate in Special Olympics and now more than 700 athletes compete; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick has continuously participated in Special Olympics for 50 years, starting in track and field; then gymnastics where he earned a gold medal at the 1987 World Games, traveled to Ireland in 2003 to compete at the World Games and now competes in team sports like bocce; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick will continue competing at the Regional Games on May 3 at Cuesta College.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize **Rick Blankenburg** for his 50 years of dedication to Special Olympics.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**



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