



**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 competed at the Regional Games on May 3rd 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 28th day of May 2019.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR



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