



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING JULY 2019  
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 attracting new businesses, promoting community revitalization, increasing tourism, providing jobs, and generating revenues; and**

**WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation creates memorable experiences through engaging programs, dynamic events, and new opportunities designed to get people involved in their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation fosters social cohesiveness in communities by celebrating diversity, providing inclusive services, 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 supports safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and**

**WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and the California State Legislature recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all through the California Park & Recreation Society's "Parks Make Life Better!" campaign.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim July 2019 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.**

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**



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