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**RESOLUTION NO.** 

[Recreation and Parks Month - July 2016]

Resolution declaring July 2016 as Recreation and Parks Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Our parks and recreation centers are vitally important to the quality of life in our City and neighborhoods, ensuring the health of all San Franciscans, and contributing to the economic and environmental vitality of our community and region; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is proud to provide opportunities for all our diverse and unique residents and visitors to gather, play, learn, relax, and enjoy nature throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, 2015 was one of the most active and successful programmatic years with over 60,000 unique registrations, 4,800 youth summer campers, 2,900 kids learning how to swim, and 2,240 residents participating in senior-focused programming; and

WHEREAS, In 2007 the Recreation and Parks Commission established a scholarship program in to help ensure San Francisco residents are not denied the benefits of public recreation due to the inability to pay, allowing everyone the opportunity to take part in public recreational programs and classes, which foster personal development, promote health and wellness, and increase cultural unity; and WHEREAS, In 2015 \$1,065,000 in scholarships was given to over 8,800 residents registered in San Francisco Recreation and Parks programming; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's parks and recreation programs contribute greatly to the City's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS, Parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, support and nurture San Francisco's bio-diversity and ecological history, and protect habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is proud our public parks were rated among the top five of the 40 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Lands 2016 ParkScore Project, citing San Francisco's unparalleled park access, with 99% of residents living within a 10-minute walk of a park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the tremendous benefits derived from parks and recreation resources in our City, and declares July 2016 as Recreation and Parks Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

Print Form **Introduction Form** By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion, or Charter Amendment)  $\boxtimes$ 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. inquires" 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor  $\Box$ 5. City Attorney request. from Committee. 6. Call File No. 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).  $\Box$ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: **Small Business Commission** ☐ Youth Commission  $\Box$ Ethics Commission □ Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use a Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Breed Subject: Recreation and Parks Month – July 2016 The text is listed below or attached: Resolution proclaiming July 2016 as Recreation and Parks Month in the City and County of San Francisco. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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