

1 [Recreation and Parks Month - July 2013]

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3 **Resolution declaring July 2013, as Recreation and Parks Month in the City and County**  
4 **of San Francisco.**

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Our parks and recreation centers are vitally important to establishing and  
12 maintaining the quality of life in our City and neighborhoods, ensuring the health of all San  
13 Franciscan's, and contributing to the economic and environmental vitality of our community  
14 and region; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-  
22 being of our community; and

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

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

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is proud that our public parks were rated amongst the top  
7 three of the 40 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Lands 2013 ParkScore Project,  
8 scoring cities in three general areas: park accessibility, park size, city’s total area dedicated to  
9 parkland, and the number of playgrounds per 10,000 residents and per capita spending; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED That the Members of the Board of Supervisors recognize the tremendous  
12 benefits derived from parks and recreation resources in our City and proclaim July 2013 as  
13 Recreation and Parks Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

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