

1 [Recreation and Parks Month - July 2012]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming July 2012 as Recreation and Parks Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this
7 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, relax, and
10 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 all San Franciscan's health, and
13 contributing to the economic and environmental vitality of our community and region; and

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our
2 community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors;
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4 WHEREAS, San Francisco is proud that our public parks were rated the best among the 40
5 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Lands 2012 ParkScore Project, scoring cities in three general
6 areas: park accessibility, park size, city's total area dedicated to parkland, and the number of
7 playgrounds per 10,000 residents and per capita spending; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED that the Members of the Board of Supervisors recognize the tremendous benefits
9 derived from parks and recreation resources in our city and proclaim July 2012 as Recreation and
10 Parks Month in San Francisco.