[Recreation and Parks Month - July 2017]

Resolution proclaiming July 2017 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, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is proud to provide opportunities for all of our diverse and unique residents and visitors to gather, play, learn, relax, and enjoy nature throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Our parks and recreation centers are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our City and neighborhoods, ensuring the health of all San Franciscan's, 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 also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; 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, In 2007 the Recreation and Parks Commission established a scholarship program in an effort to ensure that 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 human development, promote health and wellness and increase cultural unity; and

WHEREAS, In 2016 over \$1,000,000 was given out in scholarships to 7,004 residents registered in San Francisco Recreation and Parks programming; 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 incredible 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, 2016 was one of the most active and successful years with over 59,000 people registered, 4,147 classes and programs offered, 475 summer camps, and almost 78,000 hours of recreation programming; and

WHEREAS, We are proud that our public parks were rated in the top three of the 40 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Lands 2017 ParkScore Project, citing San Francisco's unparalleled park access; and

WHEREAS, We are incredibly proud that San Francisco became the first city in the U.S. where 100 percent of residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Board of Supervisors recognize the tremendous benefits derived from parks and recreation resources in our City and proclaim July 2017 as Recreation and Parks Month in the City and County of San Francisco.



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Resolution

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	File N	Jo. 170838	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/25/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
			Angela Calvillo
			Clerk of the Board
		Unsigned	8/4/2017
		Mayor	Date Approved
as be	s set forth in Sect	ion 3.103 of the Charter vithout his approval in a	n, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, ecordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of
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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date