



Proclamation

PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

July 2022

Whereas, Parks and Recreation promotes physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and supports the economic vitality of communities by providing frontline jobs, childcare for the essential workforce and promoting community revitalization;

Whereas, Parks and Recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of Parks and Recreation creates memorable experiences through engaging virtual and physically distanced programs, dynamic online events, and new learning opportunities designed to keep families active while stay-at-home orders are in place and beyond;

Whereas, Parks and Recreation fosters social cohesiveness in communities by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to come together peacefully, modeling compassion, promoting social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people have access to its benefits;

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 strengthens community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape;

Whereas, Parks and Recreation facilitates community problem and issue resolution by providing safe spaces to come together peacefully and serving as key points of service, helping our communities heal both physically and emotionally; and sustains and stewards our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland;

Whereas, Parks and Recreation supports safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and remains versatile and innovative in providing vital services to communities through local, national, or global emergencies, all while adhering to guidelines set forth by governing agencies; and

Whereas, the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) has released a statewide public awareness campaign, "Parks Make Life Better!®" to inform citizens of the many benefits of utilizing parks, facilities, programs, and services.

Now, Therefore, the San Fernando City Council does hereby proclaim July 2022 to be **PARKS & RECREATION MONTH** and in doing so, urge all citizens to recognize the importance of accessing local parks, trails, open space and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration and safety of all Californians.




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