

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288883

ADOPTED ON JUN 30 1997

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association annually recognizes the month of July as "Parks and Recreation Month;" and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department manages and maintains over 32,000 acres of developed parks and open space, and 43 miles of ocean and bay beaches; and

WHEREAS, City parks, open space, and beaches will play host to more than 46 million users each year; and

WHEREAS, 9,000 children will learn basic water safety and swimming instruction this summer from City staff; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 children will find a safe place through summer day camps at City recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, physical recreation and meaningful leisure experiences contribute to physical and mental well-being as well as the overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, community recreation and leisure opportunities create socially beneficial connections between and among individuals, groups, and communities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation services provide preventative health benefits, support more productive workforces, enhance the desirability of communities for locating businesses and families; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation facilities increase The City of San Diego's overall

economic well-being by stimulating revenues from tourism and making San Diego a desirable place to locate, maintain, and expand businesses large and small; and

WHEREAS, providing for and preserving parks and open spaces are both an investment and insurance plan for our collective quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego recognizes and applauds the 50th Anniversary of Ocean Beach Recreation Center, the 40th Anniversary of Torrey Pines Golf Course, and the 25th Anniversaries of the Disabled Services Program and Chollas Lake; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the San Diego Park and Recreation Department's summer program is "Parks and Recreation - - The Benefits are Endless;" NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims the month of July 1997 to be "**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**" and urges all citizens of this great City to join in the nationwide celebration bringing recognition to all the benefits derived from quality public and private recreation and park resources at the local level.

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