

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298248

ADOPTED ON JUL 28 2003

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated July as National Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department is the second largest municipal park system in the country overseeing 36,300 acres of developed and undeveloped open space, and maintaining 337 neighborhood and community parks, 177 playground sites, 51 recreation centers, 25 miles of ocean and bay beaches, 13 swimming pools, and two golf complexes; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of parks and recreation are numerous, providing for the physical, mental, emotional and social wellness for all residents and visitors to San Diego; and

WHEREAS, millions of people will come to enjoy their summer vacation at Mission Bay Park and Balboa Park where recreational, cultural, educational, and horticultural experiences are plentiful; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages people of all ages, abilities and income levels to be fulfilled at a park, pool, or recreation facility by coming out to "*swing, swim, sway and play*"; and

WHEREAS, the 1,400 employees of the Park and Recreation Department are given great satisfaction and reward by introducing and delivering a multitude of recreational opportunities to residents and visitors from all over the world every day; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of volunteers who are part of the Park and Recreation Department “family” are celebrated this year for their passion toward parks and for their motivation to improve the quality of parks and recreational programs for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the capacity in which these volunteers serve, they are considered activists and partners to the Park and Recreation Department, recognizing that there are many children and adults who benefit from their added commitment and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department is committed to obtaining and developing additional park space, such as the San Diego River and the Otay Valley Regional Park, for future generations to receive pleasure and satisfaction from; and


WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department always strives to enrich the lives of residents and visitors through quality parks and programs, with customized programs such as inclusion camps for children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City’s parks are a significant contribution to safer and more attractive communities, helping to keep San Diego “a city worthy of our affection;” NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, commends the Park and Recreation Department for enriching lives through quality parks and programs every day of the year.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that July 2003 be and is hereby proclaimed to be “**PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**” in the City of San Diego.

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