City of San Rafael Proclamation Designation of July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of San Rafael; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Rafael park and recreation staff maintain a well-loved parks system comprised of 25 City-operated parks and 5 City-operated recreation facilities, including 3 community parks, 11 neighborhood parks, 6 pocket parks, 5 special use parks, Albert J. Boro Community Center, San Rafael Community Center, Albert Park Field House, Terra Linda Community Center and Pool House, and the Falkirk Cultural Center, totaling approximately 106.4 acres of improved parkland; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael Library & Recreation Department mission is to enrich our community through discovery, learning and play, building community by creating experiences that spark curiosity and enable lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation creates memorable experiences for all ages through sports, enrichment activities, classes, programs, and self-guided leisure activities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes physical, emotional and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and

**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; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2009 the U.S. House of Representatives designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of San Rafael recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE COLIN, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby recognize** that July 2024 is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the City of San Rafael.



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