

City of San Rafael
Proclamation
Designation of July 2021 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, 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 *supports the economic vitality of communities* by providing frontline jobs, childcare for the essential work force and promoting community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, 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; 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 *supports human development* and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; 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, 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

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *sustains and stewards our natural resources* by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *supports safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities* that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation 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 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 2021 is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the City of San Rafael.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate".

Kate Colin
Mayor