

City of San Rafael
Proclamation
Designation of July 2023 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, in April 2023, the City of San Rafael adopted a new Park and Recreation Master Plan to help the City prioritize recommendations and develop strategies to improve our parks, update facilities, increase ways for people to access and connect to parks, and strengthen recreation programs, 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 *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 *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 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 2023 is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the City of San Rafael.



Kate Colin
Mayor