



City of Mission Viejo

Proclamation

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Mission Viejo Proclaiming July 2016 to be National Recreation and Parks Month

Parks Make Life Better!

Whereas, Parks and Recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future; and

Whereas, it is established through statewide public opinion research, 98% of California households visit a local park at least once a year; two in three households visit a park once a month; 50% of households participate in an organized recreation program; and most park use is with family and friends; and

Whereas, residents value recreation as it provides positive alternatives for children and youth to reduce crime and mischief especially during nonschool hours; it promotes the arts, it increases social connections; aids in therapy; and promotes lifelong learning; and

Whereas, residents value their parks for access to outdoor spaces for children and adults to play and be active; exercise and group sports; and

Whereas, parks provide access to the serenity and the inspiration of nature and outdoor spaces as well as preserve and protect the historic, natural and cultural resources in our community; and

Whereas, the residents of Mission Viejo including children, youth, families, adults, seniors, businesses, community organizations, and visitors benefit from the wide range of parks, trails, open space, sports fields, tennis courts, facilities and programs including Sierra and Montanoso Recreation Centers, La Paws Dog Park, Oso Creek Trail, Art's Alive, Relay for Life, and the ITF Wheelchair Doubles Masters provided by the City of Mission Viejo; and

Whereas, the City Council urges all its residents to recognize that parks and recreation enriches the lives of its residents and visitors as well as adding value to the community's homes and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, July is celebrated across the nation as Parks and Recreation Month,

Now, therefore, I, Frank Ury, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo and on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim that "Parks Make Life Better!" and recognize the month of July, 2016 as "Recreation & Parks Month" and in doing so, urges all citizens to use and enjoy our parks and recreational opportunities throughout our community.

June 28, 2016

Frank Ury, Mayor