

City of Emeryville

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming July 2017 as “Parks Make Life Better!” Month in Emeryville

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 non-school 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 the City of Emeryville including children, youth, families, adults, seniors as well as businesses, community organizations, and visitors benefit from the wide range of parks, trails, green space, facilities and programs including the Senior Center, Recreation Center, Doyle Hollis Park, Marina Park, and many other parks and facilities provided by the City of Emeryville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Scott Donahue, Mayor of the City of Emeryville on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim July 2017 as Parks Make Life Better Month in the City of Emeryville and urge all of the Emeryville community to use and enjoy our parks, trails, green space, facilities and recreation opportunities.

PROCLAIMED this 20th day of June 2017 by the Mayor of the City of Emeryville.

Mayor