



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department make life better with equitable access to local parks, recreation, trails, open space, and facilities to promote the positive development of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation & Parks Department promotes physical, emotional, and mental health wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation & Parks Department supports the economic vitality of communities by partnering with local businesses and non-profits, and offering events for residents' engagement; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation & Parks Department creates memorable experiences through youth sports and enrichment activities, youth and adult programs, senior activity centers, adult fitness, enrichment programs, free community events, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation & Parks Department 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, The Recreation & Parks Department supports human development and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation & Parks Department strengthens community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape; and

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

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department 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 California Park & Recreation Society has released a statewide public awareness campaign, "Parks Make Life Better!®" to inform citizens of the many benefits of utilizing parks, facilities, programs, and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council and the City of Santa Rosa do hereby recognize July 2023 as

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER!® MONTH



Mayor Natalie Rogers
July 11, 2023