

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 78645 C.M.S.

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## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY AS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) is recapturing its rich legacy through people, parks and programs; and

WHEREAS, it is now the month of July, the kick-off of the summer season; and

WHEREAS, OPR encourages the community to play and enjoy the outdoors, family and friends at neighborhood parks, recreation centers and programs; and

WHEREAS, our parks help to preserve and protect the natural resources of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, OPR strengthens community image and sense of place and increases cultural unity; and

WHEREAS, OPR creates lifelines and continues to provide life experiences for the older members of our community; and

WHEREAS, while over 31% of children and half of adults are overweight, 54% of adults are inactive, and obesity and physical inactivity cost Californians \$25 billion in the year 2000; OPR promotes health and wellness and reduces health care cost; and

WHEREAS, OPR programs contribute to strengthening society and reduce juvenile crime; and

WHEREAS, OPR has the capacity to serve more families, children, youth, young adults and seniors throughout the City, second to the Oakland Unified School District, at the 23 recreation centers, 140 parks and playgrounds, 54 ball fields, 7 outdoor swimming pools, 50 tennis courts, 2 public golf courses and a driving range, our world-famous Lake Merritt with boating rentals and lessons, Oakland City Stables, Lakeside Gardens and a host of other hidden jewels and outstanding programs; and

WHEREAS, OPR has initiated the Radical Roving Recreation Street Team to complement the Middle School Enhancement Program, The Passport Program, Citywide-Enrichment and School-Linked Recreation Programs, Specialist Project, and Earn Your Bike; and

WHEREAS, over 35,000 Oakland residents annually have benefited from the wide range of services, facilities and programs offered by OPR; and

WHEREAS, the OPR encourages, invites and enthusiastically awaits the partnership and stewardship of the members of the community for celebrating, supporting and increasing healthy pursuits through parks and recreation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the month of July is declared to be Recreation and Parks Month in the City of Oakland and that the City of Oakland and the Office of Parks and Recreation urges all residents to enjoy and recognize the social, mental, physical, environmental and community benefits derived from our services which add value to everyone participating in Recreation and Parks Month.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUL 6 2004, 20    

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST



CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California