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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 2008 AS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) creates community through people, parks and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it now July -- National Recreation and Parks Month -- and the kick-off of the summer season; and

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

**WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation facilities help to preserve and protect the natural resources of the City Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for residents of all ages to live, grow and develop as contributing members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, OPR strengthens the community image, creates a sense of place, and encourages and increases cultural unity; and

**WHEREAS**, OPR will host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual U.S. Youth Games July 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> with hundreds of youth from across the nation participating in Olympic-style athletic competitions throughout the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, OPR offers many specialized programs, including the Radical Roving Recreation program, to provide alternative recreation activities and personal development opportunities to at-risk youth, ages 13 to 21 years; and

**WHEREAS**, to counteract the fact that over 31% of children and half of adults are overweight, and obesity and physical inactivity costs Californians more than \$25 billion each year, OPR promotes health and wellness activities that can reduce health care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, OPR strengthens communities, creates a sense of security, and reduces juvenile crime; and

**WHEREAS**, OPR has the capacity to serve Oakland residents and visitors including families, children, youth, young adults and seniors, at 24 recreation centers, 140 parks and playgrounds, 54 ball fields, 50 tennis courts, seven outdoor swimming pools, two public golf courses, a golf driving range, our world-famous Lake Merritt with boating rentals and lessons, Oakland City Stables, Lakeside Park Gardens, and a host of other hidden jewels and outstanding programs; and

**WHEREAS**, over 40,000 City of Oakland residents benefited from the wide range of services, facilities and programs offered by OPR last year; and

**WHEREAS**, OPR invites Parks and Recreation users, partners, and friends to join us for An Intimate Evening with OPR at the newly rebuilt Studio One Arts Center on July 26, 2008; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation urges all residents to recognize July as National Recreation and Parks Month; and enjoy the social, mental, physical, environmental, and community benefits derived from OPR's programs and services; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that all of Oakland is hereby encouraged to:

**“Come Out and Play the OPR Way!”**

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, AND  
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

**DRAFT**

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