

CITY OF Garden Grove

PROCLAMATION

July 2013 is Parks Make Life Better!® Month

WHEREAS, *Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Parks and Recreation Month, recognized for its importance of establishing and maintaining the quality-of-life and well-being of communities; and*

WHEREAS, *Parks and Recreation services play a vital role in creating active and healthy communities, fostering human development, helping young people develop and grow into healthy adults, and helping older adults continue to live longer; and*

WHEREAS, *Local parks and recreation strengthens community image and sense of place, and increases cultural unity while preserving and protecting historic, natural, and cultural resources; and*

WHEREAS, *Parks and Recreation services improve the economic vitality of the local economy, improves the job base and business expansion in the community, and increases tourism; and*

WHEREAS, *Ninety-eight percent of California households indicated they visited a local park at least once in the past year, most often with family or friends; two in three households visit a park once a month; and fifty percent of households participate in an organized recreation program; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Garden Grove's Recreation and Human Services Division is devoted to advancing recreational opportunities for all California children, adults, and seniors through its wide range of services, facilities, and programs.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the month of July 2013 as Parks Make Life Better!® Month and encourages all residents to enjoy and recognize the social, physical, mental, economic, environmental, and community benefits derived from our Parks and Recreation programs which provide something of value to everyone.

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Recommended for Approval


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