

City of Manhattan Beach, California

Proclamation

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

JULY, 2011

- WHEREAS,** research results show what is self evident, that parks and recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** over 17,000 participants register in recreation classes and activities in the City of Manhattan Beach's parks, facilities and fields annually; and
- WHEREAS,** virtually every California household (98%) reported visiting a park during the past year, and the City of Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Department reported over 50,000 visits to City parks and facilities in 2009-2010 with a customer satisfaction rating of 98%; and
- WHEREAS,** Californians reported that parks and recreation make life better now and in the future by providing: access to the serenity and inspiration of nature; outdoor space to play and exercise; facilities for self-directed and organized recreation; positive alternatives for youth which help lower crime and mischief; activities that facilitate social connections; human development; therapy; the arts; and lifelong learning. In short, parks and recreation services make Californians' lives better; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Manhattan Beach recognizes the importance of providing first class parks, playgrounds, nature trails, open spaces, special events, classes, recreation programs for all ages, volunteer programs, transportation services, and community and cultural centers that make our community an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Parks and Recreation believes in its vision of creating community and quality of life through people, parks and programs; in accomplishing its mission to strengthen community image and sense of place; support economic development; strengthen safety and security; promote health and wellness; foster human development; increase cultural unity; protect environmental resources; facilitate community problem solving; and provide recreational experiences; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the goal of the City of Manhattan Beach's Parks and Recreation Department that these missions are carried out in a professional, courteous and cost-efficient manner, with dedication to ethical standards and responsiveness to changing community needs and priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Richard Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents do hereby proclaim that "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER" and the month of July, 2011 as

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and in doing so, urge all citizens of Manhattan Beach to use and enjoy our parks and recreational opportunities, taking into consideration the beneficial effect to the well being of all.

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City Clerk




Mayor