

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-5

AGENDA DATE: June 28, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim July 2016 as Park and Recreation Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-326

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Vice-Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Chairman Monteith

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended


2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

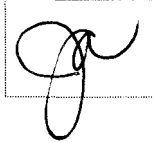
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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: 

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim July 2016 as Park and Recreation Month in Stanislaus County.

DISCUSSION:

Since 1985, Americans have celebrated Parks and Recreation Month in July to promote the importance of parks and recreation in health and wellness, conservation and social equity. Through efforts by the National Recreation and Park Association, (NRPA), the U.S. House of Representatives passed an official resolution for Park and Recreation Month in 2009.

Park and Recreation Month encourages the public to reflect on the exponential value parks and recreation brings to our communities. Parks, whether they are city, state, or national parks, play a major role in the health of a community. Not only do the plants provide the oxygen we need to breathe, these parks provide a safe place for residents of all ages to enjoy the outdoors and their community. The presence of green space often provides numerous benefits, including reduction in stress levels, crime and even economic stimulation. Parks are often a safe haven to wildlife by offering protection for indigenous animals. Recreation departments have a positive impact on the communities they serve. When a community offers its residents safe options for recreation, the health and well-being of residents improves, including reduced obesity rates, lower risks of chronic health conditions, stress relief, reduced depression, and improved self-esteem.

The Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) maintains five regional parks, twelve neighborhood parks, ten community parks, two Off-Highway Vehicle parks, four cemeteries, two bridges, La Grange historical areas, five fishing access points along rivers and lakes, one swimming pool, one organized youth camp, and numerous acres of open space and river bottom. These facilities provide a vast array of recreational opportunities including, but not limited to: picnicking, sailing and power boating, water skiing, jet skiing, fishing, swimming, camping, hiking, hunting, and horseback trails. In addition, the Department provides landscape/grounds maintenance services and streetscape maintenance for nine county service areas, eight county centers, ten libraries, one landscape maintenance district, and other governmental buildings in the unincorporated areas of the County.

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Parks are the cornerstone of nearly every community, serving millions of people as the places anyone can go to be active, live healthier, connect with nature and gather together. Parks and recreation make our lives and communities better. This mission lives on and will continue to intensify into the future.

POLICY ISSUE:

The U.S. House of Representatives have historically proclaimed July as Park and Recreation Month. The Board of Supervisors has the authority to proclaim a month of a specific topic.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 operating budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation includes \$5,531,340 for services connected with operations and maintenance of parks. There is no fiscal impact associated with proclaiming the month as Parks and Recreation Month.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action supports the Boards' priorities of a Strong Local Economy and a Well Planned Infrastructure System by promoting attractive and well-cared for parks and recreational facilities.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proclamation

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**PROCLAMATION OF JULY 2016 AS
PARK AND RECREATION MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Stanislaus County; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Park and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS Stanislaus County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition that the Department of Parks and Recreation and all the community partners' effective parks and recreation programs and maintenance help make the County of Stanislaus a better place for children and families, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, does hereby declare the month of July 2016 as PARK AND RECREATION MONTH in Stanislaus County.

ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth A. King", is written over a horizontal line.

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