

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

DEPT: Parks and Recreation

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-5

AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-338

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

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

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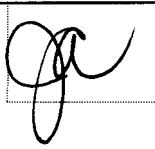
**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT: Parks and Recreation
Urgent Routine

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AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2017

CEO CONCURRENCE: *pvt*



4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month in Stanislaus County.

DISCUSSION:

In an effort to bring awareness to our Parks, Stanislaus County Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting to proclaim July 2017 as Parks Month. Since 1985, Americans have celebrated Parks Month to promote the importance of parks and the recreation offered to benefit health and wellness, conservation and social equity. Through the 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.

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 bank to explore. 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.

Parks beautify, increase value, and contribute to better health and an improved ecosystem in our community. Green spaces provide much needed oxygen to the environment, as well as provide a safe haven to wildlife by offering protection for indigenous animals and natural wildlife. Parks offer safe options for recreation, improving the health and well-being of residents, including reduced obesity rates, lower risks of chronic health conditions, stress relief, and improved psychological health. Park recreational activities serve to bring communities closer and provide opportunities to achieve healthier lifestyles and promote and understand nature and conservation.

During the month of July, efforts will focus on bringing awareness to our Parks and encourage the public to engage in activities to enjoy nature, as well as an opportunity to share the added health benefit and beauty Parks bring to our community at minimal or no cost to the public.

POLICY ISSUE:

The U.S. House of Representatives have historically proclaimed July as Park and Recreation Month. The Board of Supervisors' approval is required to make a local proclamation for a specific time frame on a specific topic.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Operating Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation includes \$6.1 million for services connected with operations and maintenance of parks. There is no fiscal impact associated with proclaiming July 2017 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 agenda item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: June 27, 2017

2017-338

On motion of Supervisor Withdraw Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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**PROCLAMATION OF JULY 2017 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

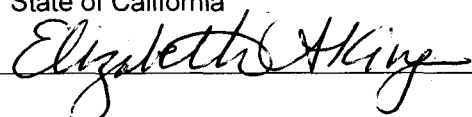
WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

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 2017 as PARK AND RECREATION MONTH in Stanislaus County.

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



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