

AGENDA NO: 7.b.1

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY
DECLARING JULY 2024
AS “PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH”**

**CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California**

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *promotes physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness* through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *supports the economic vitality of communities* by partnering with local businesses and non-profits, and offering events for resident’s engagement; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *creates memorable experiences* through youth sports and enrichment activities, teen centers and programs, senior activity centers, adult fitness and enrichment programs, free community events, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *fosters social cohesiveness* in communities by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to come together peacefully, modeling compassion, promoting social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people have access to its benefits; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *supports human development* and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *strengthens community identity* by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *facilitates community problem and issue resolution* by providing safe spaces to come together peacefully and serving as key points of service, helping our communities heal both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *sustains and stewards our natural resources* by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation *supports safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities* that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation remains *versatile and innovative* in providing vital services to communities through local, national, or global emergencies, all while adhering to guidelines set forth by governing agencies; and

WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society has released a statewide public awareness campaign, “Parks Make Life Better!®” to inform citizens of the many benefits of utilizing parks, facilities, programs, and services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Morro Bay recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all residents and declares July 2024 as “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Morro Bay to be affixed this 25th day of
June 2024

CARLA WIXOM, MAYOR
City of Morro Bay, California