



# *Proclamation*

## *Of the Mayor*

### *Of the City of Los Altos, California*

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, and 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**, the City of Los Altos Recreation Department mission is to enrich community members through active participation in life-long learning, health & wellness, community involvement, and recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, annually over 3,100 rental events are held in City of Los Altos Recreation facilities, and over 3,600 athletic field use permits are issued and the City of Los Altos Recreation Department offers more than 1,800 classes and camps annually in five program areas: life long learning, seniors, teens, performing and visual arts, and community events; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Altos has a well-loved parks system comprised of 11 parks, open space, trails, and a nature preserve totaling 45 acres of parkland, which along with 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 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

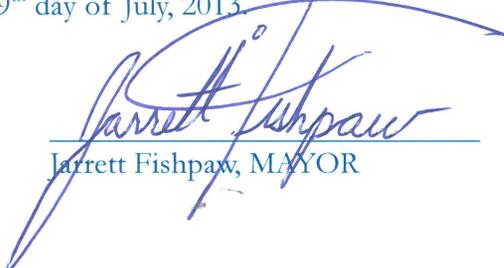
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month, and the City of Los Altos recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jarrett Fishpaw, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the entire Los Altos City Council, do hereby proclaim July as:

**“Parks and Recreation Month”**

**In witness whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.



  
Jarrett Fishpaw, MAYOR