

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation creates memorable experiences and promotes physical, emotional and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play and activity for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation supports the economic vitality of communities by partnering with local businesses and nonprofits, and providing a variety of free community events; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Los Altos benefit from the wide range of parks, trails, open space, sports fields, tennis/pickleball courts, great facilities such as the Los Altos Community Center and Redwood Grove Nature Preserve, and events like Family Fun Days and the Summer Concert Series, provided by the Los Altos Parks \& Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council urges all its residents to recognize the importance of equitable access to local parks, recreation, trails, open space and facilities for the positive development of our Los Altos community; and

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

## Parks Make Life Better! ${ }^{\circledR}$ Month

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this $27^{\text {th }}$ day of June 2023.


