

RESOLUTION 2008- 027

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA,
COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE
CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, positive emotional and physical health and well-being and the full, unbridled experience of the natural world and understanding of our heritage are the indivisible and essential birthright of all children; and

WHEREAS, studies document that children who are active outdoors do better in school, have better social skills and self-image, lead more fulfilled lives, and experience a marked benefit to health concerns; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger supported the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights in his Proclamation of July 6, 2007, stating "Participating in outdoor activities is not only an enjoyable way for kids to get the exercise they need, it also helps them develop a greater appreciation for our magnificent environment;" and

WHEREAS, The California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is an initiative that states that all children between the ages of four and fourteen should have the opportunity to participate in outdoor recreational activities and discover their connection to California's story. These activities include discovering California's past, splashing in the water, playing in a safe place, camping under the stars, exploring nature, learning to swim, playing on a team, following a trail, catching a fish, and celebrating their heritage; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby support the "California Children's Bill of Rights" and encourage all children to enjoy and recognize the social, physical, mental, environmental and community benefits derived from our City Parks, and encourage every child to experience each of the activities listed within the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights by completion of their fourteenth year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby authorize and direct the City Manager on behalf of the City Council, to execute and deliver such documents and to do so such acts as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this 1st day of April, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Vice Mayor Dunsford, Councilmembers Garcia, Kraus,
Slusser and Mayor Gingles

NOES: None

ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None

ATTEST:



RAQUEL CANTILLON, Deputy City Clerk


JACK GINGLES, Mayor