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NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

July 2008 has been designated as **Parks and Recreation Month** by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). In an effort to encourage residents of all ages to visit their local parks and take part in the many fun and healthy activities and programs available, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, the National Park Service and California State Parks join in the efforts of NRPA during the July Parks and Recreation Month.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation also joins in the efforts of the State of California and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in supporting the **Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights** (COBR), to ensure that all children have an opportunity to participate in the following 10 key outdoor experiences before the age of 14:
- Discover California's Past - Splash in the water - Play in a safe place - Camp under the stars
- Explore nature - Learn to swim - Play on a team - Follow a trail - Catch a fish - Celebrate their heritage -

Numerous studies report that children who partake in the ten activities listed in the Children’s Bill of Rights are healthier, do better in school and lead happier lives. All of the suggested activities on the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights can be experienced at park facilities throughout Los Angeles County and its many surrounding cities and organizations.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaims the month of July 2008 as “Parks and Recreation Month”, officially endorses the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights and commends the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the National Park Service, the State of California and the many other park and recreation organizations for their hard work and continuous commitment to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County.

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