

## Resolution of Support for the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights

**Whereas**, Fairytale Town recognizes the significant concern about child and youth detachment from the outdoors, lack of physical play and exercise and the increased health risks associated with childhood obesity; and

**Whereas**, Fairytale Town recognizes that unstructured and imaginative play in outdoor environments can be a wonderful experience for people of all ages, and especially for children and youth; and

**Whereas**, participating in outdoor activities is not only enjoyable, but also develops an appreciation of California's unique environment; and

**Whereas**, the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism, a volunteer consortium of public and private organizations has created the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights; and


**Whereas**, the Bill of Rights provides that youth between the ages of four and fourteen should have the opportunity to:

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| 1. Play in a safe place | 6. Camp under the stars  |
| 2. Explore nature       | 7. Ride a bike           |
| 3. Learn to swim        | 8. Go boating            |
| 4. Go fishing           | 9. Connect with the past |
| 5. Follow a trail       | 10. Plant a seed         |

**Whereas**, numerous studies document that children who participate in these outdoor play and recreation activities are healthier, do better in school, have better social skills and self image, and lead more fulfilled lives; and

**Whereas**, Fairytale Town is committed to these goals;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that** Fairytale Town supports and endorses the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights as a guideline for parents, guardians, parks, communities, health professionals, private enterprises and other entities to encourage children to experience each of the activities listed by the completion of their 14<sup>th</sup> year.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Fleming, Executive Director, Fairytale Town

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