

IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CALIFORNIA
CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, recent trends indicate that today's youth are increasingly disconnected from nature and experiencing crises of mental and physical health, and

WHEREAS, the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism documents numerous studies that have shown children who participate in outdoor recreational activities 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, 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 history. 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council is proud to hereby endorse the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and promote its mission and featured activities for the children of San Leandro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby directs staff to continue their Recreation and Cultural programming that supports and encourages outdoor activities for youth, and supports efforts within the community to provide opportunities and programs that children may experience the excitement and wonder of the outdoors and be inspired to appreciate and sustain our natural and cultural treasures.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does RESOLVE as follows:

That said resolution is hereby approved and execution thereof is hereby authorized.

Introduced by Councilmember _____ and passed and adopted on this 7th day of April, 2008 by the following called vote:

Members of the Council:

AYES

NOES

ABSENT

ATTEST: _____
Marian Handa, City Clerk