

CALIFORNIA WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism – a volunteer group comprised of public and private organizations from the federal, state and local levels – has created the “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:

1. **Discover California’s past**
2. **Splash in the water**
3. **Play in a safe place**
4. **Camp under the stars**
5. **Explore nature**
6. **Learn to swim**
7. **Play on a team**
8. **Follow a trail**
9. **Catch a fish**
10. **Celebrate their heritage**

WHEREAS, numerous studies have documented that children who participate in these outdoor recreational activities are healthier, do better in school, have better social skills and self-image, and lead more fulfilled lives; and

WHEREAS, children and families benefit from engaging in these activities at California Watchable Wildlife viewing sites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Watchable Wildlife Steering Committee does hereby support the California Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights and encourages all California Watchable Wildlife Viewing Site Managers and Staff to utilize the California Outdoors Bill of Rights to further their own interpretive and educational programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the California Watchable Wildlife Steering Committee on April 22, 2008.

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