



Building strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE ALLIANCE OF YMCAs**

### **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**, thousands of children benefit from the wide range of services, facilities and programs provided by the YMCAs

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California State Alliance of YMCAs** does hereby support the California Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights and encourages all YMCAs to utilize the California Outdoors Bill of Rights to further its mission to “develop the total person- spirit, mind and body- through values based programs that build strong kids, strong families and strong communities”.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the California State Alliance of YMCAs on March 19, 2008.

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