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ACR-199 “Parks Make Life Better!” Month. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 199

CHAPTER 140

Relative to “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 199, Bauer-Kahan. “Parks Make Life Better!” Month.

This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2022 as “Parks Make Life Better!®” Month.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation promote physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs support the economic vitality of communities by partnering with local businesses and nonprofits and offering events for residents' engagement; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs create memorable experiences through youth sports and enrichment activities, teen centers and programs, senior activity centers, adult fitness and enrichment programs, free community events, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs foster social cohesiveness in communities by celebrating diversity, providing spaces to come together peacefully, modeling compassion, promoting social equity, connecting social networks, and ensuring all people have access to those benefits; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation support human development and provide endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs strengthen community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics, and landscape; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs facilitate community problem and issue resolution by providing safe spaces to peacefully gather and serve as key points of service, which helps our communities heal physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation sustain, and are stewards of, our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreation support safe, vibrant, attractive, and progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered through recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Parks and recreational programs are versatile and innovative in providing vital services to communities through local, national, or global emergencies, while also adhering to guidelines set forth by governing agencies; and

WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society has released a statewide public awareness campaign, "Parks Make Life Better!®" to inform the public of the many benefits of utilizing parks, facilities, programs, and services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of all Californians; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature declares the month of July 2022 as "Parks Make Life Better!®" Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.