



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including City of Glendale; and are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities; and

Whereas, throughout the City of Glendale, we are fortunate to have 47 beautiful park, recreation and special use facilities, including 286 acres of developed parkland and over 5,000 acres of open space, a historic nature center, and a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities for its citizens and visitors; and

Whereas, the Community Services & Parks Department promotes physical, emotional, and mental health and wellness, and offers an array of opportunities to go outside, create memorable experiences and play through fitness classes, sports and recreation programs, cultural events, lifelong learning classes and parks, trails and facilities for fitness and sports activities for all age groups and abilities; and

Whereas, the Community Services & Parks Department also provides programs to address the basic human service needs of its residents including senior nutritional meals and case management; youth and family outreach, information and referral; youth employment and youth life skills training; homeless case management, prevention and housing; and job training programs; and

Whereas, the Community Services & Parks Department strengthens community safety and security and reduces juvenile crime, while fostering youth development and growth into productive adults through an array of after school and seasonal programs; and

Whereas, the strength of Glendale is increased through intergenerational recreation programs and events for all ages that allow people to play and grow together while providing the opportunity for residents to lead balanced, rewarding and healthy lives; and

Whereas, the Community Services & Parks Department remains versatile and innovative in providing vital services to our community; and

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

Whereas, South Glendale is experiencing a significant lack of parkland, with only 0.12 acres of park space per 1,000 residents, compared to the LA County average of 3.3 acres; and

Whereas, the City of Glendale stands ready to collaborate with our state representatives to identify potential funding sources and support legislative efforts that prioritize the creation and maintenance of green spaces for the benefit of all Glendale residents and community members; and

Now, therefore, I, Elen Asatryan, Mayor of the City of Glendale, recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health, wellness, development, inspiration, and safety of our community and proclaim July 2024, as PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH in Glendale and call on all of our citizens to celebrate by participating in recreation activities and community services, and spending time in our community's parks.

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER

Elen Asatryan, Mayor
July 16, 2024