

PROCLAMATION

Designating July as Parks and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Oakley; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens, and provide positive alternatives for children and youth and promote lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, and ensures the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, residents value their parks and natural recreation areas, with 98% of California households visiting a local park at least once a year; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakley City Council urges all its residents to recognize that parks and recreation enriches the lives of its residents and visitors as well as adding value to the community's homes and neighborhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Randy Pope, Mayor of the City of Oakley do hereby recognize July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Oakley.

June 30, 2014

Randy Pope, Mayor