

PROCLAMATION

PARKS & RECREATION MONTH
JULY 2010

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation makes lives and communities better now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, 98% of California households indicated they visited a local park at least once in the past year; most often visiting a park with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Parks preserve and protect the historic, natural and cultural resources in our community; and

WHEREAS, Recreation fosters human development, providing positive alternatives for children and youth during non-school hours to reduce crime and mischief, thereby helping children and youth develop and grow into healthy and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation offer places, spaces and programs to facilitate social connections, human development, therapy, the arts, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation strengthens community image, sense of place and increases cultural unity; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation provides opportunities for directed and self-directed activities which encourage healthy movement; and

WHEREAS, thousands of California children, adults and seniors benefit from the wide range of services, facilities and programs provided by the City of Anderson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anderson 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, the Anderson City Council does hereby proclaim that "Parks Make Life Better!" and the month of July 2010, as "**Parks and Recreation Month**" in the City of Anderson and in doing so, urges all citizens to use and enjoy our parks and recreational opportunities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Anderson to be affixed this 6th day of July 2010.

Norma Connick, Mayor