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RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 2025 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

- **WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I (Port Act); and
- **WHEREAS**, section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and
- **WHEREAS**, section 21 of the Port Act allows the BPC to pass all necessary resolutions for the regulation of the District; and
- **WHEREAS**, first launched by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in 1985, Parks and Recreation Month is celebrated each July to highlight the critical role parks and recreation professionals play in fostering healthy, resilient communities across the nation; and
- **WHEREAS**, this annual celebration raises awareness about the many ways parks contribute to public well-being, from advancing health and wellness, to promoting economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and social equity; and
- **WHEREAS**, it also honors the thousands of professionals and volunteers that manage and maintain local, state, and regional parks every day; and
- **WHEREAS**, from protecting public recreation space and natural resources to bolstering the tourism economy and promoting health and well-being by providing places, activities, and resources that help prevent chronic disease and support mental and emotional health, parks and recreation services are critical to maintaining the quality of life in our communities; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parks and Recreation Month encourages everyone to acknowledge and appreciate the infinite value parks and recreation bring to our communities; and
- **WHEREAS**, the District's Parks & Recreation department manages public access to 23 beautiful parks for the benefit of public recreation, passive enjoyment, community gatherings, special events, and the display of a collection of public artworks to enhance the waterfront experience; and
 - WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Month raises public awareness about

the role of open public space and recreation in communities and people's lives; it encourages individuals and organizations to participate in outdoor recreational activities and allows governments and businesses to show their commitment to planning and maintaining green spaces in urban settings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed proclamation marks the District's seventh year acknowledging its long-standing commitment to stewardship and professional management of its parks for the enrichment of residents and visitors to the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, does hereby proclaim and recognize July 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY: GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 15th day of July 2025, by the following vote: