Item No. 2

City of South Gate

From the Honorable Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring

July 2022 as Parks Make Life Better! Month

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation promotes physical, emotional, and mental wellness through organized fitness, play, activities, and special events such as aquatics, youth sports, aerobics; and

WHEREAS, residents value recreation as it fosters human development; provides positive alternatives for children and youth to reduce crime and mischief, especially during non-school hours; the arts, create social connections; aid in therapy; and promote lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation supports the economic vitality of South Gate by providing jobs and workforce development for local youth and young adults and residents value their parks for access to outdoor spaces for children and adults to play and be active in exercise and group sports; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation facilitates community problem and issue resolution by providing safe spaces to come together peacefully and serving as key points of service, helping our communities heal both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation sustains and stewards 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 supports safe, vibrant, attractive, progressive communities that make life better through positive alternatives offered in their recreational opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed this **28th** day of **June 2022**, that **I, Al Rios, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** do hereby proclaim the Month of July 2021 as Parks Make Life Better! Month and in doing so, urge everyone to use and enjoy our parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreation opportunities.

Al Rios

Al Rios, Mayor