Resolution No.

**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
ENDORSING THE SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN’S**

**OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, children are increasingly distanced from nature despite evidence linking children’s nature deficits to health problems such as obesity, attention deficit disorder, and depression; and

WHEREAS, direct exposure to nature is a necessary component of a child’s physical, emotional, and cognitive development; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the State of California adopted the nation’s first statewide children’s outdoor bill of rights in recognition of nature’s importance to a child’s physical and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights is a set of outdoor experiences that schools, community groups, and families representing all corners of the city agree every child should be able to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights is a set of outdoor experiences that ensures every child in San Francisco has the opportunity to connect with nature and develop to their fullest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission hereby endorses the San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, in which every child has the right to:

* Explore all the wild places in the City;
* Harvest and eat a fruit or vegetable;
* Plant a seed and watch it grow;
* Visit and care for a local park;
* Splash in the ocean or bay;
* Play in the sand & mud;
* Discover urban wildlife;
* Sleep under the stars;
* Climb a tree; and
* Ride a bike

Submitted by

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

Approved and Adopted the day of.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution number

 was duly adopted by the San Francisco Recreation and Park
Commission following a roll call vote:

Ayes: Noes: Absent:

Margaret McArthur, Commission Liaison

Submitted by

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