

City of El Paso de Robles

S P A Y D A Y U S A **FEBRUARY 25, 2003**

W*HEREAS*, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 63 million individuals in the United States; and

W*HEREAS*, two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 more cats in seven years, and two unaltered cats and their offspring can produce 67,000 more dogs in six years; and

W*HEREAS*, humane societies and shelters have to kill approximately 5 million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes; and the problem of companion animal overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country over a billion dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of unwanted cats and dogs; and

W*HEREAS*, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of an estimated 210,000 companion animals through "Spay Day USA 2002"; and

W*HEREAS*, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on Spay Day USA 2003.

N*OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that I, Frank Mecham, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby designate February 25, 2003, as *Spay Day USA*, urging all companion animal owners to observe this day by having their cats or dogs spayed or neutered, or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.

I*N WITNESS WHEREOF*, on this 4th day of February 2003, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor