

*City of El Paso de Robles*  
*Certificate of Recognition*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

*SPONSOR - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cattlemen's Western Art Show and Sale*

*MARCH 14, 15 & 16, 2003*

**W***HEREAS*, the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association was founded in May 1944 and is now the largest Cattlemen's Association in the State of California, claiming a membership of over 300 local ranchers—ranchers all dedicated to blending new ideas with proven range management methods to improve the environment and live in harmony with nature; and

**W***HEREAS*, the SLO County Cattlemen's Association is considered one of the premier associations in the nation, boasting a distinguished roster of past members, which includes President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of the Interior and Chief of Staff for the Reagan Administration, Bill Clark; and their continuing increase in membership is indicative of the broad recognition gained by this singular organization—both within California and throughout the Nation; and

**W***HEREAS*, the Cattlemen's Western Art Show and Sale is a major fundraiser for the SLO County Cattlemen's Association, affording its members the opportunity to pursue a wide range of issues and community activities, including water and environmental quality, ag land preservation, wildlife management, open space use, historic land preservation, beef quality assurance, taxation and legislation, range improvement, education of teachers and students through the "Ag in the Classroom" program, coordination of the California Mid-State Fair Livestock Auction, and sponsoring 4-H and FFA judging teams on national and international levels.

**N***OW, THEREFORE*, I deem it an honor and privilege to extend a warm welcome to all who are present, and to tender this **Certificate of Recognition** to the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association for their significant achievements as they continue to enrich all our lives through their welfare of our community and their environmental stewardship of this land we call "Home."

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

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*Frank R. Mecham, Mayor*