

City of El Paso de Robles

Proclamation

RED CROSS MONTH

March 2003

W*HEREAS*, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers with a mission to provide relief to victims of disaster and to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

W*HEREAS*, today, in a collaborative effort with the federal government and members of the emergency planning community, the San Luis Obispo County Red Cross and its partners launched a bold, new initiative, **Together We Prepare**. Aimed at empowering individuals and families to protect themselves, the San Luis Obispo County Red Cross encourages residents to help make their homes and community safer by making a plan, building a kit, getting trained, and volunteering; and

W*HEREAS*, the San Luis Obispo County Red Cross has served the community since 1917, providing disaster relief to victims of wildfires, floods, and hazardous materials incidents; providing disaster preparedness education; emergency services and communication to the military and their families; providing CPR and First Aid training; and providing volunteer opportunities and youth involvement to the citizens of this County; and

W*HEREAS*, American Red Cross volunteers stand poised to respond to local, national, and international emergencies should the need arise; and those who are victims of disaster or are military personnel or family members, or those looking to prepare for the unexpected, reply on the San Luis Obispo County American Red Cross; and compassionate and caring people, who want to make a difference in San Luis Obispo County and across the nation, channel their support through the American Red Cross.

N*OW, THEREFORE*, I, Frank Mecham, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim **March 2003** as American Red Cross Month and call upon all the citizens of Paso Robles to become partners in preparedness with their local Red Cross Chapter and to become active participants in advancing the noble mission of the Red Cross.

I*N WITNESS WHEREOF*, on this 18th day of March 2003, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor