

City of El Paso de Robles

Proclamation

MONTH OF THE CHILD – APRIL 2003

children's opportunities – our responsibilities

W*HEREAS*, Saturday, April 5, 2003, will commemorate the 25th annual “Day of the Child” celebration during Children’s Day in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza—a day where children and families interact with the agencies and programs providing services throughout the County; and

W*HEREAS*, the Month of the Child is a time to recognize that children’s opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning; and

W*HEREAS*, there are approximately 25,00 children under the age of 13 in San Luis Obispo County who have working parents; and the activities of this month will provide an opportunity to acknowledge quality youth and early care and education programs, their dedicated staff, and to applaud their efforts to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of such programs; and

W*HEREAS*, quality child care is no longer a fringe benefit, but a necessity in order for working parents to be productive and happy employees; and local employers need to be champions in supporting the many challenges facing these working parents and families ; and

W*HEREAS*, the City of Paso Robles recognizes that every moment in a child’s life is an opportunity for that child to learn, and that the early years may determine whether a child succeeds in school and in life, and that all children need at least one caring and loving adult in their lives, and that quality “out of school” programs are also essential for the older child .

W*HEREAS*, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of this City, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, I proclaim April 2003 as **MONTH OF THE CHILD** and April 5, 2003, **DAY OF THE CHILD** and encourage all citizens to do what they can at work, at home, and within the community to assure all children the opportunity to enjoy the journey of childhood.

I*N WITNESS WHEREOF*, on this 1st day of April 2003, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Frank R. Mechem, Mayor