

City of El Paso de Robles

Proclamation

2003 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRESHWATER AND MAY 2003 AS WATER AWARENESS MONTH

W*/HEREAS, water is one of the few most basic and essential needs of every living creature and 2003 has been proclaimed the International Year of Freshwater and May as California's Water Awareness Month; and*

W*/HEREAS the problems and challenges of meeting future water supply needs are many and growing in cost and complexity and the water needs of agriculture, industry, domestic and the environment are increasing while the supply of available water is shrinking; and*

W*/HEREAS, some areas of the county are experiencing serious water supply problems and water quality and supply are inextricably linked to the land uses within the watersheds that produce them; and*

W*/HEREAS, the city government is the appropriate entity to take the lead in local water policy, resource development, conservation and use, while it is the responsibility of all citizens to conserve and preserve water as a legacy for future generations. It has been demonstrated that the elimination of wasteful water-use practices and improved water-use efficiencies dramatically reduce water usage; and*

W*/HEREAS, Water Year 2003 and California's Water Awareness Month offer excellent opportunities to share information on the quality, quantity and importance of one of the Earth's most important resources so we are calling upon each citizen to protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation, support water recycling and to get involved in local water issues; and*

N*OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Frank Mecham, Mayor of the City of El Paso de Robles, speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby declare the Year of 2003 as INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRESHWATER and May 2003 as WATER AWARENESS MONTH and encourage all citizens to become more actively involved in local water issues.*

I*N WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 6th day of May 2003, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor