

City of El Paso de Robles

Proclamation

THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES RECOGNIZES
AUGUST 23 - 24, 2003

THE FIFTH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE DAY

WHEREAS, cancer is expected to touch over one million families this year and an estimated 140,000 Californians will be diagnosed with cancer in the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is the nation's leading community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research and education, advocacy, and service; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven that early detection and treatment significantly increase a person's chances for survival from cancer, and knowledge of the common symptoms of cancer should be thoroughly promulgated so as to save more lives by prompt medical attention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles applauds the efforts of the Mission Oaks Unit of the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life to be held on August 23rd and 24th at the Mid-State Fairgrounds where more than 750 local residents are expected to participate in the 24-hour relay to honor family and friends who have battled cancer, generating more than \$120,000 for the American Cancer Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Frank Mecham, Mayor of the City of El Paso de Robles, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby officially proclaim The Fifth Annual Relay for Life Day held on **August 23 and 24, 2003**, in the City of El Paso de Robles, California, a meaningful and worthwhile event, and urge all community members and businesses to join with me in extending this expression of our appreciation to the American Cancer Society and its thousands of volunteer and staff workers for the valuable service they perform in their continuing crusade against cancer..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 5th day of August 2003, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor