

City of El Paso de Robles

Proclamation

RED CROSS MONTH

MARCH 2004

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 as demonstrated during the recent San Simeon earthquake, the local Chapter successfully provides food, clothing, housing and mental health services to those with disaster-caused losses in our County. Victims of disaster, military personnel or family members, or those looking to prepare for the unexpected, rely on the San Luis Obispo County 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 2004** 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 2nd day of March 2004, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor