

City of El Paso de Robles

Proclamation

RED CROSS MONTH

MARCH 2005

W*HEREAS*, America has always been a place of humanitarian action and compassion—a place where people take care of each other, and are always willing to reach out and take care of others in need; and

W*HEREAS*, for more than 88 years, the Red Cross in San Luis Obispo County has been the place where citizens join together, and the generosity and compassion of the American people finds purpose. Never has this been more evident than these past few years, when the San Simeon earthquake wreaked havoc on our community and a deadly tsunami struck our neighbors in Asia and Africa. San Luis Obispo County responded swiftly and generously, and in overwhelming numbers chose their Red Cross as the place to turn their caring into action; and

W*HEREAS*, the San Luis Obispo County American Red Cross responds to over fifty disasters each year. Some are large disasters. Often though, response is to events that don't make headlines. Our Red Cross and its corps of five hundred volunteers is among the first on the scene, providing food, shelter, grief counseling and more; and

W*HEREAS*, in America, we may not all look the same, dress the same or sound the same, but we share a common spirit that binds us together when times are tough and unites us in action when someone is suffering. Like a mirror on America, the Red Cross shows us the best possible reflection of ourselves.

N*OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*; that I, Frank Mecham, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim **March 2005** as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and call upon all the citizens of Paso Robles to remember that in celebrating American Red Cross Month, we are celebrating the humanitarian and volunteer spirit here in San Luis Obispo County and all across America.

I*N WITNESS WHEREOF*, on this 1st day of March 2005, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor