

Proclamation

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

MAY 2005

WHEREAS, Paso Robles is home to more than 4,500 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, the older members of the Paso Robles community are a vital part of our nation's demographic makeup and are entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and

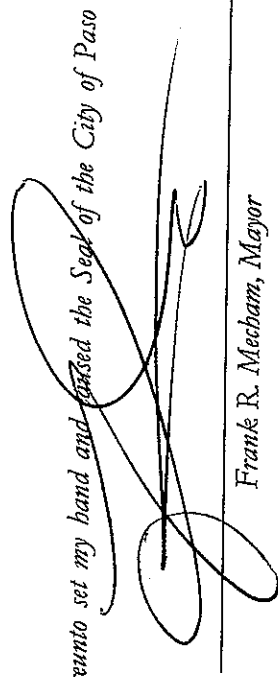
WHEREAS, it is important that each community in America recognize the contributions of our older citizens, understanding that our society is dependent upon inter-generational cooperation and support, and benefits from our collective efforts to serve older Americans and the people who love them; and

WHEREAS, never before in the history of our country has youth been in greater need of the wisdom and counseling of older people, and it benefits all of us when we respect the abilities of our senior citizens to invest our community with their knowledge, creativity, and experience; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act by the United States Congress.

NOW, 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, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH** to honor our senior citizens, and to commend those who staff our Senior Center and bring to our older citizens a renewed sense of self-esteem and confidence as they continue their involvement with and contribution to Paso Robles.

I IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 1st day of May 2005, I have hereunto set my hand and ~~placed~~ the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.



Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

