

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to more than 71 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, humane societies and animal shelters have to put down more than four million cats, dogs and rabbits each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, this tragic overpopulation of pets costs citizens and taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal service programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless animals; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 32,500 pets and feral cats through "Spay Day USA" in 2009; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats on "Spay Day USA 2010";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Duane Picanco, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby designate

FEBRUARY 23, 2010, AS SPAY DAY USA

urging all companion animal owners to observe this day by having their cats or dogs spayed or neutered, or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 16th day of February 2010,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.


Duane Picanco, Mayor
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