

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

April 2010 is Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorders (ASDs); and

WHEREAS, Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of autism in San Luis Obispo County reflects the national rate of 1 in 110, with rates appearing to have increased similarly around the globe; and

WHEREAS, A child is diagnosed with autism every 20 minutes; and

WHEREAS, ASDs are the fastest growing serious developmental disability, making these disorders more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, Many are not adequately informed about ASDs and the value and importance of early identification, assessment, and treatment of these disorders; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with ASDs and their families face tremendous and overwhelming challenges in accessing and navigating the complex programs and services for these disorders; and

WHEREAS, Parents and family members have made invaluable contributions through their commitment, caring, and advocacy to important advances in research, education, and treatment for individuals with ASDs; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with ASDs are valuable and talented citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center will celebrate Autism Awareness Month at the WALK for Autism and Autism Awareness Fair on April 25, 2010 in Mission Plaza; and

WHEREAS, The City of Paso Robles recognizes and commends the talents, abilities and contributions of the individuals in our community diagnosed with ASDs; and

WHEREAS, The City of Paso Robles recognizes and commends the parents and relatives of individuals with ASDs, the professionals that provide valued services, and the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center, for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of individuals with ASDs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Duane Picanco, Mayor of the City of El Paso de Robles, speaking on behalf of the entire City Council and the Citizens of Paso Robles hereby recognize **April 2010 as Autism Awareness Month.**

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




Duane Picanco, Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles