

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

*May 2010*

*is*

***“National Water Safety Month”***

*WHEREAS, drowning is the leading cause of injury-related deaths among children in California under the age of five, and,*

*WHEREAS, a large number of near-drowning accidents occur in California, which can result in serious and permanent injuries, and,*

*WHEREAS, half of all child drowning accidents occur in home swimming pools, which emphasizes the importance of being extremely vigilant when our children are playing in or around the pool, and,*

*WHEREAS, drowning incidents are often preventable through the implementation of Layers of Protections such as installing barriers around pools, providing swim lessons, warning children of the potential dangers and keeping them under adult supervision at all times; and*

*WHEREAS, the Department of Developmental Services, in partnership with the Drowning Prevention Foundation and the Department of Public Health, has created a helpful awareness program and website with information to prevent drowning accidents at [www.dds.ca.gov/drowning](http://www.dds.ca.gov/drowning); and*

*WHEREAS, our safety is essential, and together we can achieve our goal of reducing these occurrences in our community.*

***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 Paso Robles City Council, do hereby encourage all citizens to take necessary and sensible precautions to prevent drowning accidents, as well as share their wisdom with others, by observing **May 2010** as **National Water Safety Month**.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,*** on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010, I have hereunto 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**