

# City of El Paso de Robles

Proudly Recognizes  
**XELINA ROJAS**

## 2010 Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award

**WHEREAS**, the Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award is designed to honor the dedication and commitment to caring about people exhibited by the late Isabel P. Ruiz, who came to America in 1973 as a medical doctor (OB/GYN) trained in her native Peru. She worked and helped local people with accessing and utilizing the health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, Isabel P. Ruiz was a role model for the Latino community as well as for women. In everything she did, she worked to overcome barriers, improve the system of care for all, and advocate for the rights of the under-represented. Her philosophy was to "be the bridge" whenever opportunities arose to help an individual become more self-sufficient; and

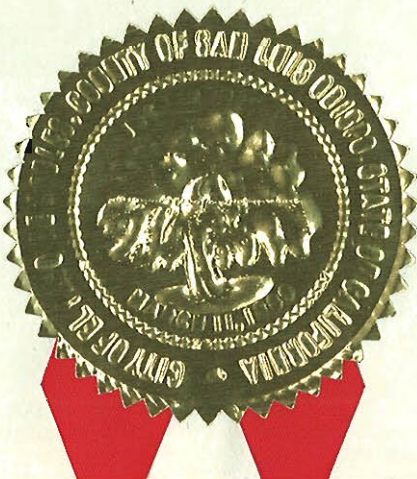
**WHEREAS**, Isabel P. Ruiz has been a Community Board Member of French Hospital Medical Center, a Board Member of the American Cancer Society - California Division, a Board member of the Latino Outreach Council, a Board Member of the Oceano Community Center, a winner of the Cuesta College Women of Distinction Award, a leader in her church and her community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award annually recognizes and rewards a local individual for outstanding efforts in advocacy and caring for local people in San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award is also designed to highlight and encourage those who follow in Mrs. Ruiz's footsteps to remain committed to community organizing and advocacy to improve the lives of everyone in San Luis Obispo County.

**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 honor **Xelina Rojas**, a counselor at Paso Robles High School, and hereby recognize her for her dedication to working with families and students for over eleven years to promote education, support their desire to fundraise for scholarship and learn more about the community; and provide service learning opportunities in Paso Robles.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, on this the 21st day of September 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