

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### CELEBRATING THE 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF IGNACY JAN PADEREWSKI and the 2010 PADEREWSKI FESTIVAL

*WHEREAS, Ignacy Jan Paderewski was the most famous pianist and composer in the world from the year of his debut in Paris in 1888 until his last tour in the US in 1939; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Paderewski toured the world performing his music and first came to Paso Robles in 1914 seeking to cure tendinitis in his hands and fell in love with the area, buying his first ranch in 1914 and by 1916 owned 3000 acres of land, where he pioneered the cultivation of Zinfandel and Petite Sirah grapes and had extensive almond orchards; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to his career as a pianist, Paderewski was active in world politics, aiding in the reconstituting of Poland as an independent state, signing the Treaty of Versailles, and serving as independent Poland's first Prime Minister; and*

*WHEREAS, a local celebration of Paderewski's achievements in music, politics and viticulture began in 1991 and has evolved into a four-day celebration of classical music, Polish heritage and Paso Robles history; and*

*WHEREAS, the Province of Tarnow, Poland and the City of Paso Robles have established a cultural cooperation agreement and a youth exchange program to honor Paderewski's achievements and his impact and influence on both communities, thereby continuing his legacy of music and diplomacy; and*

*WHEREAS, to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Paderewski's birth in 1860, and the commitment he had to the people of Paso Robles, the Paderewski Festival honors his legacy by offering concerts, lectures and master classes free of charge in 2010 during the festival in Paso Robles this November 10-14, 2010.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as Mayor of the City of Paso Robles, on behalf of all the Council Members for the City of Paso Robles, on this day November the Second, 2010, hereby supports the 2010 Paderewski Festival, and encourages all citizens to participate in celebrating the life, work and achievements of former Paso Robles resident, world famous composer and diplomat, Ignacy Jan Paderewski.



Mayor Duane Picanco  
City of Paso Robles