

City of El Paso de Robles

In Recognition of Outstanding Service to the City of Paso Robles
This Certificate of Recognition is Hereby Awarded to

Officer Robert Velasquez

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Velasquez retired from the Paso Robles Police Department on June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Officer Velasquez has dedicated over twenty six years to a career in law enforcement, first joining the Dinuba Police Department as a Reserve Officer in 1985, and then joining the Woodlake Police Department as a full time police officer in 1987; and

WHEREAS, he has served faithfully as a peace officer with the Paso Robles Police Department since 1990, distinguishing himself for exemplary service through numerous programs and assignments working as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Safety Officer, Housing Authority Officer and School Resource Officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Velasquez has been a key figure in the lives of the youth of Paso Robles; acting as a coach and mentor in numerous youth sports programs, starting the Cops and Athletes program, being named an Honorary Bearcat for his work with local youth, taking an active role in the Police Activities League by helping deliver programs like Fishing in the City, Downhill Derby and Junior Giants summer baseball, and conceptualizing and delivering the Santa's Sleigh program each December; and

WHEREAS, Officer Velasquez combined his two passions, law enforcement and the youth of Paso Robles, becoming a School Resource Officer in 2002, and spending the next nine years dedicating his life and career to making a positive impact for all students in the City of Paso Robles, realizing the youth of Paso Robles are our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Officer Velasquez has been honored with many awards for exemplary service throughout his career, including the Paso Robles Police Officer's Association Officer of the Year (1997) and the Paso Robles Police Activities League Mentor of the Year (2011).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Duane Picanco, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby extend to **OFFICER ROBERT VELASQUEZ** our thanks for his contributions to the community, and commend him for the manner in which he has carried out his responsibilities and duties as a member of the City's police force. He will be missed both professionally and as a friend, and we extend our very best wishes for continued success in his life's pursuits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 2nd day of August 2011, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.




Duane Picanco, Mayor