

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2011

**WHEREAS**, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings that are tarnished by violence and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence continues to be a major, national, public health problem, affecting nearly 4 million victims each year among U.S. women ages 18 and older, with an estimated 3.3 million children witnessing domestic violence in their homes each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the North County Women's Shelter & Resource Center provided a safe environment with services to over 1,200 women, men and children who were affected by domestic violence, providing those in crisis with information, referrals, and counseling, and providing education targeted at domestic violence prevention in the wider community of San Luis Obispo County. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals, applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this important problem; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

**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, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 4th day of October 2011,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

*Duane Picanco*