

City of El Paso de Robles

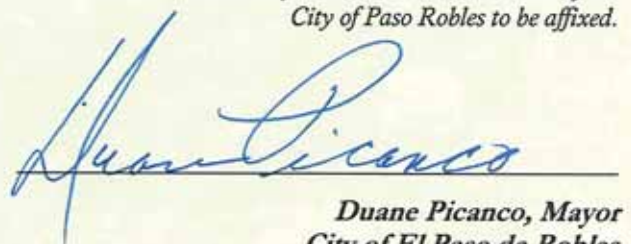
PROCLAMATION

SPAY DAY USA
February 25, 2012

- WHEREAS**, cats and dogs provide companionship to, and share the homes of, over 71,000,000 individuals in the United States; and
- WHEREAS**, humane societies and shelters have to euthanize approximately four million cats and dogs each year, although many of them are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources such as money, space, and good adoptive homes; and
- WHEREAS**, the problem of pet overpopulation costs the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless cats and dogs; and
- WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation; and
- WHEREAS**, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 20,000 companion animals through "Spay Day USA" in 2011; and
- WHEREAS**, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of companion animals on "Spay Day USA 2012".

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 City Council, formally designate **February 25, 2012** as "**Spay Day USA**", and call upon the citizens of Paso Robles to observe the day by having their own cats or dogs spayed or neutered, or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's cat or dog.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 21st day of February 2012,
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

