

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

**National Peace Officer Memorial Day**

**May 15, 2012**

**National Police Week in Paso Robles**

**May 13-19, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, *there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Paso Robles Police Department; and*

**WHEREAS**, *an average of 54,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in an average of 16,000 injuries; and*

**WHEREAS**, *since the first recorded peace officer death in 1791, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Paso Robles Police Department, David N. Morehouse on May 6, 1919; and*

**WHEREAS**, *163 peace officers in our nation were killed in the line of duty in 2011 and 7 peace officers were killed in California between May of 2011 and May of 2012, since we last gathered in memoriam of officer line of duty deaths; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the names of these dedicated public servants will be engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the California Peace Officer Memorial in Sacramento; and*

**WHEREAS**, *National Peace Officer Memorial Day (May 15th each year) and National Police Week, May 13 – 19, 2012, was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress, to pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the San Luis Obispo County Criminal Justice Administrators' Association local memorial service, on the morning of Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Atascadero, CA, at the Atascadero Veterans' Memorial.*

**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 May 15, 2012 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 13 - 19, 2012 as National Police Week in Paso Robles, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 15th day of May 2012,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

*Duane Picanco*

**Duane Picanco, Mayor  
City of El Paso de Robles**