

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### WORLD SPAY DAY 2013

February 26, 2013

**WHEREAS**, *pets provide companionship to more than 71,000,000 households in the United States; and*

**WHEREAS**, *humane societies and animal shelters have to put down millions of cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and*

**WHEREAS**, *this tragic overpopulation of pets costs citizens and taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal service programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless animals; and*

**WHEREAS**, *spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and*

**WHEREAS**, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 49,000 pets and feral cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States in 2012; and*

**WHEREAS**, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats on "World Spay Day 2013":*

**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 26, 2013 as World Spay Day**, and call upon the people of Paso Robles to observe the day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person's pet or of an animal in a shelter awaiting adoption.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 19th day of February 2013,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Duane Picanco", is written over a horizontal line.

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