

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

NORM BRIDGE

2013 PIONEER DAY MARSHAL

OCTOBER 12, 2013

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 83rd anniversary of Paso Robles Pioneer Day; and

WHEREAS, Norm Bridge has been selected as the 2013 Pioneer Day Marshal based on his long-standing family history in Paso Robles; and

WHEREAS, Norm was born in 1925 and moved to Paso Robles in 1927; and

WHEREAS, he attended Pleasant Valley School and graduated from Paso Robles High School in 1944; and

WHEREAS, he entered the Coast Guard upon high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Norm Bridge returned to Paso Robles in 1942 to try almond farming; and

WHEREAS, he earned his gunsmithing degree in 1949 and opened his gun shop in 1951 in downtown Paso Robles. Bridge's Sportsmen's Center is still family-owned and thriving at 1319 Pine Street; and

WHEREAS, in 1953 he married Frances Berta and started his family in 1955 with the arrival of son Art who, along with his wife Debbie, currently help Norm run his business and are all proud Roblans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Duane Picanco, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Paso Robles, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, encourage all citizens to join in honoring **Norm Bridge** as the **2013 Pioneer Day Marshal**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Duane Picanco', is written over a horizontal line.

Duane Picanco, Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles
September 17, 2013