## City of El Paso de Robles PROCLAMATION

## The Third Annual Garagiste Festival

November 7-10, 2013

WHEREAS, the non-profit Garagiste Festival was founded in Paso Robles in 2011 and has since brought national and international attention to the area's burgeoning Garagiste winemaker movement; and

WHEREAS, the Garagiste Festival has showcased (and raised the profile of) over 100 local winemakers to thousands of passionate wine consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Garagiste Festival supports tourism by giving wine lovers a whole other reason to visit Paso: 75% of festival-goers come from outside Paso Robles; and

WHEREAS, the Garagiste Festival has highlighted the work of scores of other local Paso artisans and venues

**WHEREAS**, the Garagiste Festival has donated over \$20,000 to the next generation of Central Coast winemakers through the Cal Poly Wine and Viticulture program

WHEREAS, the Garagiste Festival helps support the development of local small-lot winemakers through marketing and networking support; and

WHEREAS, the Garagiste Festival co-founders Stewart McLennan and Doug Minnick, and team, Lisa Dinsmore and Melanie Webber have donated thousands of hours to create The Garagiste Festival in Paso Robles and support its ongoing development.

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 congratulate the Garagiste Festival on their ongoing success.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, 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