## City of El Paso de Robles PROCLAMATION

April 2014
"Month of the Child" & "Child Abuse Prevention Month"
and
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, is "Day of the Child"

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 12, 2014, will commemorate the "Day of the Child" celebration during Children's Day In the Plaza from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza. A day where children and families can play, learn and interact with the agencies and programs providing services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, The month of the child and child abuse prevention month is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences a high quality early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their optimal development.

WHEREAS, The Paso Robles City Council recognizes that every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, and that the quality of these experiences may determine whether a child succeeds in school and in life, and that all children need caring and loving adults in their lives;

WHEREAS, The activities of this month will provide an opportunity to acknowledge youth and early care and education programs and their dedicated staff, and to raise the awareness of the community, employers and elected officials of the need to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of such programs;

WHEREAS, many community partners including the San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council, First 5 San Luis Obispo County, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, and San Luis Obispo County Child Abuse Prevention Council, believe in a connected community, working together to ensure children are the highest priority.

AND, may we remember to listen to and watch the children around us, to have patience and to allow them the opportunity to enjoy the journey of childhood.

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 April 2014 as the "Month of the Child", and "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and April 12, 2014 as "Day of the Child".

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 1st Day of April, 2014, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Pasd Robles to be affixed.

> Duane Picanco, Mayor City of El Paso de Robles

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