

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
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“Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day” is April 12th, 2014

WHEREAS, *Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of San Luis Obispo County; and*

WHEREAS, *rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in six women and one in thirty-three men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime; and*

WHEREAS, *child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 44% of sexual assault survivors are under the age of 18; and*

WHEREAS, *we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and*

WHEREAS, *staff and volunteers of RISE, formerly the Sexual Assault Recovery & Prevention Center and North County Women's Shelter & Resource Center of San Luis Obispo County, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and*

WHEREAS, *with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in San Luis Obispo County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Paso Robles strongly supports the efforts of RISE, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, how to Start by Believing when a loved one discloses an experience, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.*

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, do hereby proclaim **April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Paso Robles and April 12th as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Day.**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 1st day of April 2014,
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, appearing to read "Duane Picanco", is written over a horizontal line.

Duane Picanco, Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles