

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

#### November 2014

**WHEREAS**, *last year, approximately 1,600,000 terminally ill patients and their families relied on end-of-life care provided by the 5,500 volunteer and licensed hospice agencies located in communities throughout the United States; and*

**WHEREAS**, *hospice care allows patients and families the opportunity to receive professional medical services, pain and symptom control, and emotional and spiritual support without hospitalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *hospice creates a compassionate atmosphere, where patients are able to die with dignity, wherever they call home, surrounded and supported by loved ones, familiar friends, and committed caregivers; and*

**WHEREAS**, *professional and compassionate hospice staff and volunteers - including physicians, nurses, social workers, bereavement counselors, spiritual counselors, therapists, home health aides, hospice musicians and trained in-home volunteers - provide comprehensive care and attend to the particular needs and wishes of each individual and family members and friends who also receive counseling and bereavement care that help them cope with a loss; and*

**WHEREAS**, *providing hospice care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Central Coast Hospice, Dignity Health Hospice, Hospice of San Luis Obispo County and Wilshire Hospice provide hospice care and bereavement counseling, respectively, to over 8,500 individuals each year within the County of San Luis Obispo; and*

**WHEREAS**, *this observance is an opportunity to encourage, honor, and support the professionals, volunteers, and family caregivers who take on the challenge of caring for patients, friends, family, and loved ones at the end of life.*

**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 November 2014 as "National Hospice Month" and encourages citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services within San Luis Obispo County.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 18th day of November, 2014,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

**DRAFT**

Duane Picanco, Mayor  
City of El Paso de Robles