

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

WORLD SPAY DAY February 24, 2015

WHEREAS, *pets provide companionship to 68% of U.S. households; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 3 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 90% of pets living in poverty, and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and*

WHEREAS, *spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animal shelters; and*

WHEREAS, *programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty; and*

WHEREAS, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 68,000 pets and community cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States and throughout the world in 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on "World Spay Day 2015":*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steven W. Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby designate **February 24th, 2015** as "**World Spay Day**" and request to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Paso Robles to observe the day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a pet in need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 17th day of February 2015,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.

Steven W. Martin

Steven W. Martin, Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles

