

# City of el Paso de Robles

## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**JIM APP**

FOR

**SERVING THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES FROM 1990 – 2015**

*WHEREAS, City Manager Jim App is retiring after a distinguished career of 25 years with the City of Paso Robles; and*

*WHEREAS, Jim has an unwaveringly **honest moral character**; is a bold leader and creative visionary, unafraid to undertake complex and strategic projects; and*

*WHEREAS, Jim is a **skilled communicator** with an uncanny ability to distill complex issues into simple understandable terms. Coupled with his **dedication to the community** and its vision for the future, this skill enabled him to effectively lead Paso Robles through years of great change, growth, development and challenge while maintaining the essential character of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, the most **notable and impactful of the projects** undertaken during his tenure include the Nacimiento Water Project; Cuesta College North County Campus; the City Library; improved Emergency Services; and increased inter-agency relations with the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, Cuesta College, the Paso Robles Event Center and the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance; and*

*WHEREAS, Jim oversaw the completion of numerous **essential infrastructure** projects since becoming City Manager in 1997, including: Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, Public Safety Center, Niblick Bridge Expansion, 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Expansion, 24<sup>th</sup> Street/Highway 46E Dual Turn Lane, 17<sup>th</sup> Street On-Off Ramp, Road Repair Program, building of the Airport Terminal, Airport FBO building and enhanced FBO services, a revitalized Train Depot; and*

*WHEREAS, Jim's focus on the **economic stability** for Paso Robles as a community and as a municipality lead to the creation of the 2006 Paso Robles Economic Strategy, in partnership with the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce; and internally through the city's Multi-Year Budgeting and Forecasting Program, Classification & Compensation Plan, Layoff Prevention Plan and Equipment Replacement Fund; and*

*WHEREAS, an improved **quality of life** for the citizens of Paso Robles was a focus of Jim's career and many projects contributed to that goal, most notably: Carnegie Library Restoration/Historical Society Occupation, the Paso Robles Senior Center, the Paso Robles Veterans Center, Barney Schwartz Park, Sherwood Forest, River Trails, Paso Robles Children's Museum at Fire Station #1, Oak Park Redevelopment, Charolais Trail, First Five Family Center, the Uptown Family Park, City Park Rehabilitation, and much more; and*

*WHEREAS, Jim ensured that the City of Paso Robles assisted in providing new **cultural opportunities** in our community, which lead to relationships with and support for: Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation, Concerts in the Park, Studios on the Park, Paso Artsfest, the Paso Robles 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and more; and*

*WHEREAS, Jim lead City staff with a unique mix of creativity and wit, with a calm exterior concealing a wry and intelligent sense of humor. His **numerous personal strengths** include being an intuitive mathematician, rivaling others using their calculators; his knack for producing quotable quotes; his eclectic taste in music and his unique DJ skills.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Steve Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, ask the community of Paso Robles to join us in extending our heartfelt gratitude to **Jim App** on the special occasion of his retirement.*

*His unwavering dedication to the community of Paso Robles leaves a legacy to be felt for generations to come.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

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Steven W. Martin, Mayor