

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

WORLD SPAY DAY

February 23, 2016

WHEREAS, *pets provide companionship to 65% of U.S. households; and*

WHEREAS, *2.4 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, *one unaltered male cat and one unaltered female cat and their offspring are capable of producing 420,000 offspring in seven years; 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 animals shelters; and*

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

WHEREAS, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and community cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States and throughout the world in 2016; 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 2016":*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Steven Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, formally designate **February 23, 2016 as World Spay Day 2016**, and call 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 16th day of February 2016,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

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