

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

2016 Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, *Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in San Luis Obispo County; and*

WHEREAS, *rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and*

WHEREAS, *child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18, and youth ages 12 to 17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of sexual violence; and*

WHEREAS, *on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and*

WHEREAS, *last year RISE received 1,171 crisis calls from members of our community and sent advocates an average of once a week to accompany sexual assault survivors at SART medical exams, law enforcement interviews, etc.; and*

WHEREAS, *the number of RISE clients receiving counseling for sexual assault related issues rose 31% over the last three years, with 374 community members receiving counseling through RISE in 2015 and the demand for therapy being so high that the wait list was closed multiple times; 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, *the City of Paso Robles strongly supports the efforts of RISE, and acknowledges that prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. The first step is increasing education, awareness and community involvement because it is time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all residents of Paso Robles.*

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 proclaim...

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 5th day of April 2016,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.



Steven W. Martin, Mayor
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