

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2016

**WHEREAS**, *domestic violence continues to be a major, national, public health problem, affecting one in three women, with an estimated ten million children witnessing domestic violence in their homes each year; and*

**WHEREAS**, *among families domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and*

**WHEREAS**, *children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to intimate partner violence; and*

**WHEREAS**, *RISE continues to provide a safe environment to those affected by domestic violence with crisis intervention, counseling, education, legal services, and emergency safe housing, with the help of dedicated volunteers and professionals; and*

**WHEREAS**, *RISE has provided services to more than eight hundred thirty domestic violence clients in the last year, including more than five thousand collective nights provided for shelter clients, and more than fifteen thousand meals; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the City of Paso Robles strongly supports the efforts of RISE, how every segment of our society can work together to better address intimate partner violence, and how to help survivors connect with services; and*

**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 recognize the important work done by domestic violence programs and proclaim the month of October to be **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*