

City of El Paso de Robles

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

EMERGENCY SERVICES CHIEF KEN JOHNSON

WHEREAS, *Emergency Services Fire Chief Ken Johnson is retiring after a distinguished public service career of 40 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Ken's desire to contribute, learn, and grow led him from his initial footsteps in the United States Marine Corps, to his calling as a Firefighter and on to his honorable position serving the City of Paso Robles as Emergency Services Chief; and*

WHEREAS, *Chief Johnson's contributions have greatly impacted the safety of Paso Robles residents by instituting programs for the Community Emergency Response Team, the North County Technical Rescue team and Automatic Mutual Aid agreements with all fire departments in SLO County; by securing grants to purchase a Haz-Mat engine, Haz-Mat equipment, 80 sets of ballistic personal protective equipment and Electronic Patient Care Reporting Software and Hardware for all fire departments in SLO County; by securing grants to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus machine, air packs and radios for all PRFD personnel; by increasing fire safety personnel staffing from 12 in 2002 to 21 today; by conducting all NIIMS and EOC training and by leading all operations during the 2003 San Simeon Earthquake effort; and through his work on the SLO County Emergency Medical Care Committee, by ensuring that all policies for specific hospital accreditation in SLO County include trauma care, stroke care, cardiac care and helicopter destination.*

WHEREAS, *Chief Johnson played an integral role on the Homeland Security Grant "Gang of Five" committee, responsible for the distribution of FEMA funds that provided critical funding to all first responders in the County, vastly improved emergency response capabilities in the protection of Paso Robles residents and guests from large scale emergencies; and*

WHEREAS, *his outstanding commitment to safety is portrayed by his dedicated involvement throughout the County and State, including: being a member of the Cal Chiefs Emergency Preparedness Section, the League of California Cities Policy Committee, the Allan Hancock College Curriculum Advisory Committee, the SLO County Emergency Medical Care Committee, and the SLO County Ambulance Performance Operations Committee; and his most notable position as the San Luis Obispo County Fire Chiefs Association President; and*

WHEREAS, *according to his peers, Ken has inspired, encouraged, and motivated those around him by remaining strong and steadfast as he supported the City's mission and led by example, specifically by leading the Emergency Services Department through the recession from 2008-2012 with innovative financial solutions that resulted in nominal decrease in service levels to the community.*

WHEREAS, *Chief Johnson has improved the quality of life and safety for the citizens of Paso Robles and his unwavering dedication to provide excellent public service to our community will impact our community for generations to come.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Steven W. Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby honor Chief Ken Johnson for his dedication and years of service and commitment to our City and ask the community of Paso Robles to join us in extending our heartfelt gratitude on the special occasion of his retirement.*

IN WITNESS HEREOF, *on this 21st day of February 2017, 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*