

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2017

WHEREAS, *the Paso Robles City Council recognizes that every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, that the quality of these experiences may determine whether a child succeeds in school and in life, and that all children need caring and loving adults in their lives; and*

WHEREAS, *April is the Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month and marks a time to recognize that our community's children are precious assets, that the quality of their early years is our collective responsibility, and that we commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences a high quality early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their optimal development; and*

WHEREAS, *Friday, April 7, 2017 has been named a countywide "Wear Blue Day" to raise awareness about the many children in our midst who suffer daily from abuse and neglect, and to pledge support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones; and*

WHEREAS, *Saturday, April 8, 2017, will commemorate "Day of the Child" at the 39th Annual Children's Day in the Plaza celebration from 10:00am to 3:00 pm in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, this year's celebration where children and families will have the opportunity to discover creativity, individuality, diversity and the arts while exploring community resources; and*

WHEREAS, *a variety of other events honoring Month of the Child will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of individuals and organizations to improve the lives of children and youth in our county, and raise the awareness of the community, employers and elected officials of the need to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of programs supporting children; and*

WHEREAS, *in this caring and connected county, we will, including and beyond the Month of the Child, continue to dedicate our efforts and our resources to investing in our community's future by investing in and supporting our community's children and youth; and*

WHEREAS, *may we remember to listen to and watch the children around us, to have patience and to allow them the opportunity to enjoy the journey of childhood, as exemplified in the San Luis Obispo County Children's Bill of Rights.*

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 April 2017 as the **Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and April 8, 2017 as **Day of the Child**.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 21st day of March 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*