

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### Recognition of John Falkenstien City Engineer

**WHEREAS**, *John Falkenstien has served the City of El Paso de Robles **diligently and devotedly** twice as City Engineer from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1978 to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1985 and from June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 until he retired on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017; and*

**WHEREAS**, *since 2003, John helped **design and engineer** numerous residential subdivisions that has resulted in the construction of over 1,500 residential units for 3,900 new Paso Robles; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John played a key role in **planning and implementation** of the Uptown / Town Center Specific Plan including improvements to the Downtown core and the redevelopment of Oak Park; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John oversaw the creation and implementation of a variety of development fees that **ensure the preservation** of the **high quality of life** in Paso Robles while allowing for residential growth and vibrant Economic Development; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John was **instrumental in the formation and success** of the Housing Constraints and Opportunities Committee and the effort to reduce housing production constraints including the reduction of studio apartment and second unit fees, the repeal of the antiquated Borkey Specific Plan fees and update to the Grading Ordinance; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John has been a **passionate voice** in support of creating complete streets in Paso Robles that safely and efficiently move vehicles, transit, bicyclist and pedestrians to their destinations; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John has worked tirelessly for many years to find **solutions to the traffic** and State permitting issues along Highway 46 east including the adoption of the 2003 and 2011 Circulation Elements and Parallel Route Plan; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John was **instrumental in navigating** through the quagmire of new Regional Water Quality Control Board stormwater management regulations, which entailed a gazillion meetings, and developing a path forward on implementation of the City's Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Program and Westside Watershed Plan; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John had a knack for **thinking through complex problems clearly**, formulating appropriate solutions, and holding his ground to defend his recommendations in a calm manner, convincing many they were in the public's best interest; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John has always provided the **highest level of customer service**, going out of his way to be helpful and considerate to the needs of the public and the community; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John was always a great team member exuding a positive and fun influence with his dry wit, kindness and common sense approach to any project; and was instrumental in making Paso the jewel it is today; in no small part, due to **John's dedication and professionalism**; and*

**WHEREAS**, *John's contributions will impact our community for generations to come; he will be truly missed, **but never forgotten**.*

**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 honor **John Falkenstien** for his dedication and years of service and commitment to our City and our community.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

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