

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

National Peace Officer Memorial Day
May 15, 2017

National Police Week in Paso Robles
May 14-20, 2017

WHEREAS, *there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Paso Robles Police Department; and*

WHEREAS, *an average of 54,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in an average of 16,000 injuries; and*

WHEREAS, *since the first recorded peace officer death in 1791, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Paso Robles Police Department, David N. Morehouse on May 6, 1919; and*

WHEREAS, *144 peace officers in our nation were killed in the line of duty in 2016 and 21 peace officers were killed in California between May of 2015 and May of 2016, since we last gathered in memoriam of officer line of duty deaths; and*

WHEREAS, *the names of these dedicated public servants will be engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the California Peace Officer Memorial in Sacramento; and*

WHEREAS, *National Peace Officer Memorial Day (May 15th each year) and National Police Week, May 14 – 20, 2017, was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress, to pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication; and*

WHEREAS, *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the San Luis Obispo County Criminal Justice Administrators' Association local memorial service, on the morning of Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in San Luis Obispo, CA, at the Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Steve Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, formally designate May 15, 2017 as **National Peace Officer Memorial Day** and May 14 - 20, 2017, as **National Police Week** in Paso Robles, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 16th day of May 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