

# City of El Paso de Robles PROCLAMATION

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, *domestic violence is a systematic pattern of abusive behavior to gain power and control through use of physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and/or emotional abuse used by one intimate partner against another; and*

**WHEREAS**, *every minute an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners in the United States which equates for 10 million abuse victims annually; and*

**WHEREAS**, *approximately 40 % of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes while 1 and 3 female murder victims in the United States are killed by intimate partners; and*

**WHEREAS**, *children exposed to intimate partner violence in the home experience long-term consequences such as difficulty in school, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and*

**WHEREAS**, *our local women's shelters combined provided a variety of prevention and direct services to intimate partner violence victims last year, including assisting 1,686 clients, providing 5,219 nights of shelter to 207 shelter clients, and responding to 937 crisis calls; and*

**WHEREAS**, *intimate partner violence has a significant economic impact as it is estimated 8 million days of work are lost nationwide yearly as the result of intimate partner violence; and*

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

**WHEREAS**, *we recognize the survivors and victims of intimate partner violence embody incredible strength and resilience to overcome trauma and abuse to build lives free of violence; 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 designate October 2017 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and urge all citizens to participate in community awareness efforts.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 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*