

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

National Hospice Palliative Care Month November 2017

WHEREAS, *hospice and palliative care empower people facing a serious or life-limiting illness to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones; and*

WHEREAS, *hospice and palliative care professionals are dedicated to helping diverse communities access quality end-of-life care and are committed to removing barriers to accessing care; and*

WHEREAS, *hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers and volunteers who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and*

WHEREAS, *through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional, spiritual and practical support, allowing patients to live fully and make more meaningful moments until the end, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and*

WHEREAS, *each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients and comfort to families anywhere, at any time; and*

WHEREAS, *every year more than 1.5 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *more than 355,000 trained volunteers contribute 16 million hours of service to hospice programs annually in the U.S.; and*

WHEREAS, *Central Coast Hospice, Dignity Health Hospice, Hospice of San Luis Obispo County and Wilshire Hospice provide hospice care and bereavement counseling respectively to individuals within the County of San Luis Obispo; and*

WHEREAS, *hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals;*

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 November 2017 as **National Hospice Palliative Care Month** and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 7th day of November 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*