

# City of el Paso de Robles

## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

### MEG WILLIAMSON

FOR

**SERVING THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES FROM 1986 – 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Assistant City Manager Meg Williamson is retiring after a distinguished career of 31 years with the City of Paso Robles, and her efforts have helped the City and community navigate growth, change, challenges, and solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Planning Department from 1986-2001, Meg contributed during a robust development activity period in the City by reviewing and advising on numerous tracts, commercial projects, and shopping centers including Cuesta College North County Campus, Woodland Plaza Shopping Center I and II, Williams Plaza Shopping Center, etc., projects that would lay the groundwork for helping Paso Robles navigate future growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Meg was a member of the first economic development team formed in the city of Paso Robles in the mid 1990s, which ushered in vital economic development; during this period she was also honored to work on groundbreaking initiatives like the Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance and Design Guidelines for Historic Districts, among many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Meg's time in the City Manager's Office was marked by extreme challenges and opportunities; Meg was able to apply her well-honed planning skills to managing projects such as the City's inter-agency response to and recovery from the 2003 San Simeon earthquake, economic development efforts including an impactful tourism marketing effort and development of the Paso Robles Economic Strategy, attracting an FBO and restaurant to the Paso Robles airport, participating in and helping to lead the development of the Uptown Specific Plan and more; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the projects Meg found most rewarding during the course of her career were those that provide outdoor recreation options and cultural enrichment for residents and visitors, including the Salinas River Corridor Project and trail alignment, the grant that allowed the City to purchase 154 acres of land that are now in use as recreational trails, and being a founding committee member that created and organized Paso ARTSFEST from 2009-2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of Assistant City Manager is an especially challenging role, responsible for so much but seldom getting credit. Few people understand how much the two City Managers and the many, many Mayors and Councilmembers she worked with depended on her wisdom, her advice, her talents, and her special ability to successfully address challenging situations and difficult people.

**WHEREAS**, her colleagues and staff call her intelligent, witty and genuine, a problem-solver, a shoulder to cry on, a team player, and a dear friend; she will be missed most in her department for her musical taste, laugh and near-death experience stories.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Steve Martin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, ask the community to join us in extending our gratitude to **Meg Williamson** on the special occasion of her retirement.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 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*