## City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

## Honoring Mike Cussen For receiving the Andrus Award for Community Service January 31, 2023

- **WHEREAS,** Mike Cussen received the Andrus Award for Community Service presented by AARP California; and
- WHEREAS, this award is AARP's most prestigious volunteer tribute recognizing outstanding individuals who are sharing their experience, talents and skills to enrich the lives of others; and
- WHEREAS, the award is given annually to one Californian who embodies the principles of AARP's founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, who believed in the power of ordinary people to do extraordinary things; and
- WHEREAS, Mike has served as a Tax-Aide volunteer for 12 years and served as the California Tax-Aide District 18 Coordinator for the AARP Foundation overseeing seven Tax-Aide sites in San Luis Obispo County including the Paso Robles City Library, Senior Center and Veterans Center; and
- WHEREAS, California District 18 produces the highest volume of Tax-Aide prepared tax returns in the state; and
- WHEREAS, Mike was instrumental in providing innovative virtual tax preparation during the COVID-19 pandemic which served as a model for other Tax-Aide site coordinators launching their own virtual tax preparation services; 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 recognize and congratulate Mike Cussen on receiving the **AARP Andrus Award for Community Service**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 31st day of January 2023, 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