

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

Declaring September 15 through October 15 Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, *National Hispanic Heritage month has been celebrated in the United States annually since 1988 when President Reagan expanded the weeklong celebration, first established by President Johnson in 1968, into a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and*

WHEREAS, *September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua followed by Mexico on September 16 and Chile on September 18; and*

WHEREAS, *this year's theme, "Todos Somos, Somos Uno," highlights the wide range of cultures, ethnicities, and perspectives in the Hispanic community and the power of the community's diversity; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of El Paso de Robles recognizes that Hispanic heritage is American heritage, and that this a time to celebrate and honor the culture and heritage of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and*

WHEREAS, *Hispanic residents represent 37% of the population and significantly contribute to the social fabric that makes the city of El Paso de Robles a vibrant and prosperous community for all; and*

WHEREAS, *Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the invaluable and countless ways Hispanic residents contribute to our common goals and to making El Paso de Robles a better place to live, work and play.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, John R. Hamon Jr, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and speaking on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and recommend that all citizens of the City of Paso Robles join in recognizing the importance of this month.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 3rd^h day of October 2023,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

*John R. Hamon Jr, Mayor
City of El Paso de Robles*