City of El Paso de Robles PROCLAMATION

National Foster Care Month May 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles recognizes the importance of providing children safe, healthy, and loving homes when they are unable to remain in the home of their biological family; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 420,000 children in the United States in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, more than 60,000 children in California are in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, there are over 250 children, youth, and teenagers in the County of San Luis
Obispo who are in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, to help these children have a healthy, loving, and stable home environment where they can thrive and feel connected to a community that cares for them, and to support the resource families that provide these critical homes, the County of San Luis Obispo Social Services is acknowledging National Foster Care Month to raise awareness about the need for more resource family homes for local children and join other organizations to celebrate resource families in our community; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations is all 50 states and the District of Columbia, will offer children the chance to live with healthy, loving, and stable resource families when they cannot live with their birth families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through resource family care.

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 month of May 2024 as "National Foster Care Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 7th day of May, 2024 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