

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

Declaring September 15th through October 15th 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 15th and ending on October 15th; and*

WHEREAS, *September 15th 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 16th and Chile on September 18th; and*

WHEREAS, *Hispanic residents represent 33% 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; and*

WHEREAS, *Mujeres de Acción hosted the first Hispanic Heritage Festival in Downtown City Park on September 15th and the Downtown Paso Robles Mainstreet Association and the Central Coast Hispanic Business Association will host the first Día de los Muertos Celebration in the park on October 26th, providing the community with an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic culture and traditions.*

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 15th and ending on October 15th 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 17th day of September 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*