City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF THE CHILD & CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH April 2023

- Whereas, the Paso Robles City Council recognizes that every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, that the quality of these experiences may determine whether a child succeeds in school and in life, and that all children need caring and loving adults in their lives; and
- WHEREAS, April Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month marks a time to recognize that our community's children are precious assets, that the quality of their early years is our collective responsibility, and that we commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child has access to a high quality early environment at home, at child care, at school and in the community that will promote their optimal growth and development; and
- WHEREAS, in solidarity of the We Are The Care Initiative, we as a community of partners and leaders, envision a San Luis Obispo County where all families can find and afford quality care for their children, and where childcare professionals are valued for their critical role in building a solid foundation for children and families to thrive in the world; and
- WHEREAS, Saturday, April 8, 2023, will commemorate "Day of the Child" at the Annual Children's Day in the Plaza celebration from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, this year's celebration where children and families will have the opportunity to discover creativity, individuality, diversity, and the arts while exploring community resources; and
- WHEREAS, Friday, April 28, 2023 our County will participate in the statewide raising of the Children's Memorial Flag to honor and raise awareness about the many children in our midst who suffer daily from abuse and neglect, and pledge our support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones; and
- Whereas, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, raising awareness and recognizing that each of us has a role to play in ensuring the safety of our children, as we pledge our support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones; by promoting our "Normalizing Parenting" campaign and introduce Children's Memorial Day in a virtual ceremony on Friday April 28, 2023 at 1:00PM with our Child Abuse Prevention Council colleagues throughout California.
- **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 proclaim April 2023 as the "Month of the Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

