

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

Sexual Assault ACTION Month Proclamation April 2023

WHEREAS, *Sexual Assault Action Month calls attention to the fact that sexual and intimate partner violence is widespread and impacts every person in Paso Robles; and*

WHEREAS, *RISE and Stand Strong officially merged on July 1st, 2021 to form Lumina Alliance, an agency that serves survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence throughout all of San Luis Obispo County; and*

WHEREAS, *although progress has been made toward preventing and ending sexual violence and providing support to survivors and their families, important work remains to be done; and*

WHEREAS, *there is a need to focus on the individualized needs of sexual violence survivors; and*

WHEREAS, *the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, and those living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to sexual violence; and*

WHEREAS, *LUMINA ALLIANCE continues to provide a safe environment to those affected by sexual violence with crisis intervention, counseling, education, and emergency safe housing, with the help of dedicated volunteers and professionals; and*

WHEREAS, *LUMINA ALLIANCE provided services to 1,472 people in 2022, including answering 2,440 calls from the crisis line, and provided 417 survivors with more than 6,200 therapy hours; and*

WHEREAS, *LUMINA ALLIANCE encourages the community to recognize our collective power to create a culture that simultaneously supports survivors and nurtures a world where everyone can live free from violence; and*

WHEREAS, *the city of Paso Robles strongly supports the efforts of LUMINA ALLIANCE, how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence, and how to help survivors connect with services.*

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, in recognition of the important work done by sexual violence programs, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be National Sexual Assault Action Month.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 18th day of April 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*