City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION MONTH OF THE CHILD & CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH April 2025

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 with the San Luis Obispo County Early Care and Education Planning Council's Advocacy Committee, 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 child care professionals are valued for their critical role in building a solid foundation for children and families to thrive in the world.

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 5, 2025, 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 25, 2025 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 as part of the national recognition of Paril as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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 April 2025 as the "Month of the Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 1st day of April, 2025 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