

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

In Honor of the 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

WHEREAS, *with profound faith in our nation's promise, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a non-violent movement that urged our country's leaders to expand the reach of freedom and provide equal opportunity for all, promoting the belief at the heart of our country's founding: that humble citizens, armed with little but faith, can come together to change the world and remake an America that more closely aligns with our highest ideals; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. King recognized that, as a country built on the foundation of self-governance, our success rested on engaging ordinary citizens in the work of securing our birthright liberties. Together, with countless unsung heroes committed to the idea that America is a constant work in progress, he heeded the call etched into our founding documents nearly two centuries before his time, marching and sacrificing for the idea of a fair, just, and inclusive society; and*

WHEREAS, *by preaching his dream of a day when his children would be judged by the content of their character -- rather than by the color of their skin -- he helped awaken our nation to the bitter truth that basic justice for all had not yet been realized. And in his efforts, he peaceably yet forcefully demonstrated that equal opportunity for all of our nation's children is necessary so that they can shape their own destinies; and*

WHEREAS, *the purpose of the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is to promote remembrance and celebrate the life and message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while striving to educate, empower and strengthen the Paso Robles community, and create among people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities; a heartfelt desire to move closer to Dr. King's vision of a unified community.*

WHEREAS, *residents of all races and beliefs came together in Paso Robles on January 16, 2023, to honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to celebrate this year's theme, the Power of Love: Starting a Chain Reaction, to encourage acts of kindness and compassion within our community.*

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 entreat and welcome the residents of Paso Robles to join in the Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and to uphold the ideals Dr. King represents today and always.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 17th day of January, 2022
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*