

# City of El Paso de Robles

## PROCLAMATION

### Honoring Maria Garcia for Her Service to Paso Robles as City Councilmember

**WHEREAS** *Maria was elected at-large to the City Council in November 2018, becoming just the third woman in city history to serve on the council and the first elected since 1984, and served as the District 2 representative since the City transitioned to a by-district council election system in 2019 until leaving office in 2022; and*

**WHEREAS** *prior to her election to City Council, Maria was President of the Hispanic Community Foundation and eventually helped found the Hispanic Business Association in 2011. In her time as president of the HBA, she helped award many students with scholarships, helped business owners succeed, and assisted the Mexican Consulate on local issues; and*

**WHEREAS** *Maria's time in the Paso Robles community and on City Council was distinguished by her commitment to economic and business development for all, public safety, affordable housing, equitable representation and raising the profile of the Hispanic community; and*

**WHEREAS** *in 2017 she was nominated for Woman of the Year by the County of San Luis Obispo Commission on the Status of Women for her work in the Paso Robles community; and*

**WHEREAS** *during her tenure on the Council, Maria volunteered for liaison positions with Community Action Partnership of SLO, Downtown Paso Robles Main Street Assn., Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, and the Paso Robles Housing Authority; along with Alternate Liaison positions with the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Economic Vitality Corporation, Homeless Services Oversight Committee, Library Board of Trustees and the Youth Commission; and*

**WHEREAS** *Maria served Paso Robles with passion, commitment, compassion and quiet determination, and her voice on the Council will be missed.*

**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 recognize and commend Ms. Maria Garcia for her contributions to the Paso Robles community in her role as City Councilmember from 2018 to 2022.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Paso Robles to be affixed.*

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*Steven W. Martin, Mayor  
City of El Paso de Robles*