

City of El Paso de Robles

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Geoffrey Land as SLO County Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS *Geoffrey Land, Social Studies teacher at Paso Robles High School, has been chosen as the County Teacher of the Year by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education; and*

WHEREAS *Geof Land has been a social studies teacher for the past 25 years. He is a teacher with a true record of student devotion, concrete campus impact, and lasting influence. Boundless energy, intelligence, wit, creativity, and humility typify Land's remarkable presence. He is unmatched in creating significant, inclusive student events that spotlight relevant cultural concerns and safely give students a voice; and*

WHEREAS *students in his classes credit him with boosting their sense of identity and their faith that they can make a difference in the world by listening, organizing, and speaking for change. Land modeled these ideals when he gracefully lobbied across multiple Board of Trustees meetings for an Ethnic Studies elective course as he was convinced that students wanted and needed a fair chance to examine inequalities latent in American culture and study sources not found in traditional coursework; and*

WHEREAS *Land's dedication to PRHS shows in the plethora of his roles: Activities Director, ACT Club Adviser, Department Chair, Global Environmental Options class trip Leader, Faculty Band Leader (he plays almost every instrument), and Faculty Compliments Leader. Geof led the Williams Wing renaming campaign in honor of his beloved colleague Gregg Williams. He was a founding planner of the PRHS Field Studies Collaborative, a five-spoked program sending students to work and science-based projects with professors and field experts to places such as Santa Cruz Island, Joshua Tree NM and more. Land's teaching reflects a true love for his students and their background, a love that's made incredibly deep given his profound intellect, poetic verbal skill, and infectious faith in the human spirit.*

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 Mr. Geoffrey Land on being named SLO County Teacher of the Year and thank him for his service to the students of Paso Robles.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 20th day of September 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*