City of Atascadero
Proclamation

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
EL CAMINO HOMELESS ORGANIZATION (ECHO)

WHEREAS, ECHO was formed as a non-profit organization in 2000 to address the issues of the homeless in North San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, ECHO began providing temporary shelter for homeless persons on December 10, 2001 and has continued to do so nightly; and

WHEREAS, ECHO enlisted the aid of six churches in Atascadero and Templeton to use their facilities as a homeless shelter on a rotating basis; and

WHEREAS, ECHO has trained over 2,000 overnight volunteer chaperones to maintain this nightly shelter; and

WHEREAS, ECHO has provided over 42,000 shelter beds to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, ECHO has enlisted the help of over 45 churches and service organizations to provide approximately 65,000 warm evening meals to needy people in the community; and

WHEREAS, ECHO has brought an awareness of the plight of homeless members of our community and offered thousands of our citizens the opportunity to ease their burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, George Luna, Mayor of the City of Atascadero, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby officially recognize THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the El Camino Homeless Organization and extend our sincere appreciation for the valuable service they provide to our community.

WITNESS THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF ATASCADERO:

Dr. George Luna, Mayor
City of Atascadero, California
January 26, 2007