



Proclamation

**national drive electric month
september 12 – october 12, 2025**

WHEREAS, motor vehicles are a major contributor to the global climate crisis, with the transportation sector accounting for approximately 29% of all greenhouse gas emissions in the United States—the largest share of any sector; and

WHEREAS, electrifying transportation is one of the most effective strategies to reduce climate pollution and protect public health by eliminating tailpipe emissions; and

WHEREAS, the slo climate coalition, the slo county apcd, and the central coast clean cities coalition are assisting the city and its residents to become carbon free by organizing drive electric month events in our community; and

WHEREAS, California continues to lead the nation with bold climate policies, including the mandate that all new passenger cars, trucks, and suvs sold in the state be zero-emission vehicles (zevs) by 2035; and

WHEREAS, in San Luis Obispo County, on-road motor vehicles account for approximately 34% of nitrogen oxide (no_x) emissions, a key contributor to smog and local air pollution, making the widespread adoption of electric vehicles (evs) a vital step toward improving air quality and advancing regional climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the city of San Luis Obispo is committed to climate leadership and sustainability, as demonstrated by the deployment of eight zero-emission buses, the expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and the development of safer bike lanes and pedestrian walkways; and

WHEREAS, the city will continue to model its core sustainability values - leadership, collaboration, accountability, responsiveness, and fact-based decision making - as it advances efforts to combat climate change and build a cleaner, healthier, and more resilient future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERICA A. STEWART, Mayor of the City of San Luis Obispo on behalf of the entire city council recognize national drive electric month, observed from September 12 - October 12, 2025, and encourage all residents, businesses, and visitors of San Luis Obispo to learn about and support the transition to clean, electric transportation.

Erica A. Stewart
Mayor



September 16, 2025
Date