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CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARE JANUARY "CRIME STOPPERS MONTH"

EL PASO, TEXAS – The El Paso City Council today issued a proclamation naming January as Crime Stoppers Month in honor of the non-profit organization's continuing work to bring together the community, law enforcement agencies and the media to solve crime. Yesterday, County Commissioners Court issued a resolution to the same effect.

In recognizing the agency, it was noted that El Paso is the second safest city of our size in the nation and that law enforcement agencies credit Crime Stoppers for being a major contributor to crime reduction in our area.

When the program was started in November, 1978, Crime Stoppers of El Paso was the first in Texas and only the second in the United States. Now entering its 30th year of successful operation, the program is the only crime fighting, non-profit agency that serves El Paso, Hudspeth and Culberson Counties.

Since its inception Crime Stoppers of El Paso has paid out over \$820,000 in cash rewards to bring about the arrests of more than 3,500 suspects, cleared over 4,200 cases, and has caused the removal of more than \$47 million dollars worth of narcotics from our city streets.

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