

PROCLAMATION

**"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"
APRIL 2015**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems, and finding a solution depends upon the involvement of the people within our community, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 30,000 reports of child abuse and neglect in New Mexico each year, and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Raton share the responsibility of raising the awareness of and prevention of child abuse, and supporting families in their efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of New Mexico's children, and

WHEREAS, all Raton citizens should be vigilant and fervent in their efforts to stop child abuse, recognize when it happens, and know what to do when you suspect it. Report abuse or neglect to the Children, Youth, and Families Department Statewide Central Intake Hotline 1-877-237-0004.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sandra Mantz, Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim April, 2015 as:

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

Throughout the City of Raton and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Raton to recognize the importance of protecting New Mexico's children by providing them a safe environment free from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 28th day of April, 2015.

CITY OF RATON

ATTEST:

Sandra Mantz, Mayor

Michael Anne Antonucci, Deputy Clerk