

**PROCLAMATION**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 2015**

*WHEREAS, the month of October 2015 has been declared as the "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"; and*

*WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly; and*

*WHEREAS, the family violence results from the use of force or threat to achieve and maintain control over others in intimate relationships and abuse of power in society fosters battering by perpetuating conditions which condone violence and only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police, court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and*

*WHEREAS, the Raton Alternatives to Violence and shelters throughout the State of New Mexico are working together to provide effective intervention, prevention, community education, and support to build a non-violent family environment in our City.*

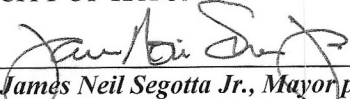
*NOW THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor pro-tem of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2015 as:*

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*in Raton, New Mexico and urge all citizens to participate in the planned activities such as the Alternatives to Violence Candlelight Vigil at the Shuler on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and to encourage those in need of services to request assistance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.*

**CITY OF RATON**

  
James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor pro-tem

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Tricia Garcia, City Clerk