

**PROCLAMATION**

***Women's History Month  
March 2016***

*WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless ways; and*

*WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and*

*WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and*

*WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and*

*WHEREAS, American women in history deserve to be recognized and celebrated for their contributions to literature, teaching and study of American history.*

*NOW THEREFORE, do I, Sandra Mantz, Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico hereby proclaim March 2016 as:*

***"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"***

*and urge all citizens in Raton to recognize the generations of women who have helped to shape our culture, our traditions, our economy and our history.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.*

**CITY OF RATON**

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***Sandra Mantz, Mayor***

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***Tricia Garcia, City Clerk***