

PROCLAMATION

**RELAY FOR LIFE WEEK
JULY 11-17, 2016**

WHEREAS, *The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service; and*

WHEREAS, *by these efforts the overall, age-adjusted cancer mortality rate is declining for the first time in human history and will continue to do so; and*

WHEREAS, *people are alive today because the knowledge we have gained has translated directly into prevention, early detection, and improved treatment; and*

WHEREAS, *Relay For Life is the national signature event of the American Cancer Society and has just surpassed 1.5 billion dollars in funds raised since the first Relay For Life held in 1985; and*

WHEREAS, *The Relay For Life is unique in this community in that it blends fundraising, cancer awareness and prevention activities, fellowship and support for cancer survivors; and*

WHEREAS, *The Colfax County Committee of the Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society will hold its 15th Annual Relay For Life on July 16th, 2016 with the goal of raising more than \$40,000.00, honoring over 250 cancer survivors; and*

WHEREAS, *Relay For Life is about being a community that takes up the fight against cancer; and*

WHEREAS, *there is no finish line until we find a cure; and*

WHEREAS, *citizens are encouraged to participate and be a part of the "Paint the Town Purple" campaign this week,*

NOW THEREFORE, *do I, Sandra Mantz, Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico, hereby proclaim July 11th-17th, as*

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and urge all citizens in Raton and surrounding communities to join the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 14th day of July, 2016.*

CITY OF RATON

ATTEST:

Sandra Mantz, Mayor

Tricia Mascarenas, City Clerk