

PROCLAMATION

**"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"
OCTOBER 2016**

WHEREAS, October 2016 has been declared as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, economic control and the abuse to children and the elderly, violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, 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 perpetrating conditions which condone violence and only a coordinated community effort will stop this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, the Raton Alternatives to Violence program, 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, I, Sandra Mantz, Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as:

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

and urge all citizens in Raton and the surrounding communities to participate in any planned activities 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 11th day of October 2016.

CITY OF RATON

ATTEST:

Sandra Mantz, Mayor

Tricia Mascarenas, City Clerk