RATON PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK **PROCLAMATION** WHEREAS, The Business and Professional Women's Foundation has continued proclaiming National Business Women's Week that was started by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women in 1928 to dramatize women's contributions in their communities, states and the nation; and WHEREAS, Raton Professional Business Women (PBW) is affiliated with New Mexico Professional Business Women, the oldest organization for working women today; and WHEREAS, Raton PBW members have adopted a mission to advocate for all women's issues at a local, state and national level; and WHEREAS, Raton PBW members have adopted a progressive legislative platform that supports women in all stages of their lives and equality under the law, regardless of gender, gender identity, age, ethnicity, physical abilities, class or sexual identity; and WHEREAS, Women constitute over 52% of the New Mexico's work force; and WHEREAS, Raton PBW improves the lives of women throughout the community by sponsoring programs such "Marketing Yourself for Success: Personally, Politically and Professionally" and programs promoting leadership, communication, negotiation and progressive skills to help women succeed. NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandra Mantz, Mayor of Raton, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2016 as: "Raton Professional Business Women's Week" and urge all citizens in to join in this salute to working women by encouraging and promoting the celebration of the achievements of all business and professional women for their daily contributions to our economic, civic, and cultural well being. CITY OF RATON Sandra Mantz, Mayor ATTEST: Tricia Mascarenas, City Clerk