

**PROCLAMATION**

**RUN FOR THE WALL WEEK**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*WHEREAS, the Run for the Wall is an annual event that was started in 1989, by a couple of Vietnam Veterans who traveled across the heartland to remind us of the fact that we still have thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars; and*

*WHEREAS, now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, the Run for the Wall event begins in California and ends on the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. ; and*

*WHEREAS, hundreds of riders will make many stops during this 10 day event at memorials, VA hospitals, and participate in parades on their journey; and*

*WHEREAS, Raton has been chosen by the Run for the Wall organizers as one of only a handful of cities that these riders will come through on their journey to Washington D.C.*

*NOW THEREFORE, do I, Sandra Mantz, Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim May 17<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as:*

***\*\*Run for the Wall Week\*\****

*and urge all citizens in Raton and the surrounding communities to extend a heartfelt welcome to these dedicated riders. We also urge all businesses and individuals to fly their U.S. or P.O.W. Flags as a show of patriotism to our countries Vietnam Veterans and these Run for the Wall Riders.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.*

**CITY OF RATON**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sandra Mantz, Mayor**

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**Tricia Mascarenas, City Clerk**