

PROCLAMATION

**“Reflections in Glass”
Robert L. Campbell Glass Negative Collection
at Raton Museum**

WHEREAS, The Colfax County Society of Art, History and Archaeology was established in 1939 and was designated 501(c)3 status in 1981 and operates under the name The Raton Museum; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Society is to increase and diffuse knowledge and appreciation of all cultural subjects and to that end to establish and maintain in the City of Raton, New Mexico, a museum to collect and preserve objects of cultural history; to promote tourism; to protect historic and prehistoric sites; works of art; scenic places, natural monuments, and wildlife from needless destruction and to enhance opportunities for aesthetic enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert L. Campbell was a commercial photographer in Raton and had amassed a large collection of glass and film nitrate negatives depicting life in the Raton area for a period ranging from 1890-1930 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Raton Museum in 2007 received a visit from Campbell’s Granddaughter, Jean Hulette, stating she had a collection of negatives that had once belonged to her Grandfather and was looking for a safe home for them. Years followed without contact until 2012 when the Museum received a call from; Mrs. Hulette’s daughter; Cynthia Pallas stating she was aware that her late mother had promised the collection to the Museum and would set them aside for pick up. Roger Sanchez and Board Member Arthur Tafoya headed to Las Alamos to secure the collection; and

WHEREAS, NM History Museum Photo Archives Division and the Raton Museum entered into a MOU in 2015 agreeing that the Photo Archives Division would clean, digitize and return the collection and in exchange the NM History Museum would have use of the images for the State archives. The Raton Museum would help identify the images and maintain ownership of the collection.

WHEREAS, NM Magazine readers will discover how Robert L. Campbell captured the essence of his hometown, Raton, and more than a century later how his work ignited the curiosity of an entire region in the August 2018 issue “Developing the Past”.

WHEREAS, July 28, 2018 is the date when family, historians, editors and writers will join the Raton Museum on the journey of his historically significant collection “Reflections in Glass”.


NOW THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico, encourage the community to visit our local museum and view the glass negative collection and the many other wonderful historic objects they have on display and hereby express our appreciation and honor to The Raton Museum for their significant contributions to our community and for preserving the history of Raton for future generations to enjoy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 24th day of July 2018.

ATTEST:


Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor

SEAL