

**PROCLAMATION  
MINERS HERITAGE DAY  
DECEMBER 6, 2019**

*WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center has been providing treatment and care of New Mexico's Miners since 1898, and*

*WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center was renovated in 1998 to provide the resident miners of New Mexico with a state of the art Long Term Care facility; and*

*WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center implemented the Black Lung Program in 1985 to provide education, awareness, medical surveillance and research for New Mexico's Coal Miners; and*

*WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center introduced one of the Nation's first Mobile Outreach programs, which provided medical surveillance to the underserved miners in rural locations of New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center entered into agreement with the University of New Mexico Foundation in 2015 for the purpose of creating the Miners' Colfax Endowed Chair in Mining Related Lung Diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, Endowed Chair, world renowned pulmonology department at the University of New Mexico; and staff from Miners' Colfax Medical Center have represented New Mexico and it's Miners in Federal grant applications, National and International journals and conferences; and*

*WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center employs approximately 250 care providers and in 2018 provided approximately 520,000 hours of care to our Miners, residents and visitors of New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, the miners of New Mexico have selflessly worked to provide more than 1.5 billion tons of product and generated more than \$53 billion in direct and implied economic benefits into the state of New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 160,000 New Mexico miners deserve our sincere appreciation and honor,*

*NOW THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor, of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim December 6, 2019:*

**\*\*MINERS' HERITAGE DAY\*\***

*I encourage all Citizens to recognize and honor the past, present and future Miners of New Mexico.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.*

**CITY OF RATON**

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**James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor**

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**Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk**

