



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18

CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO

**REQUEST THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER ACTIONS
REGARDING VARIOUS BILLS INTENDED TO ADDRESS CIVIL RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Raton has previously requested a tabling action for House Bill 4 due to significant potential risk to rural New Mexico communities as detailed in Resolution 2021-05; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raton is similarly concerned with the consequences that are anticipated to result from Senate Bill 376, which prohibits the qualified immunity defense for law enforcement officers and other public employees; and

WHEREAS, the concern with the SB 376 strategy is the result of loss of good law enforcement officers and loss of qualified entry level officers and consequently, the City of Raton requests a tabling action for Senate Bill 376; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raton has evaluated Senate Bill 375 and has concluded that this legislation represents an effective strategy to civil rights issues without undue harm to rural communities or threats to qualified professionals that serve to protect those communities; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Raton requests that the New Mexico Legislature, including the House of Representatives, the Senate, and all applicable committees, table House Bill 4, table Senate Bill 376, and pass Senate Bill 375 in order to improve and modernize law enforcement training and to ensure the high standards of the profession.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

CITY OF RATON

James Neil Segotta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk