



**CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION 2021-27**

**THE SPRINGER WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF
RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEAST NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Boys School was opened October 1, 1909 by proclamation of former territorial Governor George Curry; and

WHEREAS, the facility was taken over by NM Corrections Department in 2006 becoming the Springer Women's Correctional Center in October of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Springer Women's Correctional Center has provided skills and positive values so that clients return to their communities as productive and mature individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Springer Women's Correctional Center serves as one of the largest employers for five counties and currently provides approximately 74 jobs to the area; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen Springer Women's Correctional Center employees and their families reside in Raton and contribute to our economy with an average combined annual income in excess of \$687,000; and

WHEREAS, by considering a plan to close the Springer Women's Correctional Facility, the northeast region and Raton may suffer further economic decline; and

WHEREAS, any proposed closure of the Springer Women's Correctional Facility causes great concern for the residents of the area communities that would have to endure the potential negative impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO to support the improvement and development of the Springer Women's Correctional Facility for the purpose of preserving jobs and to continue to stimulate economic growth in rural northeast New Mexico;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Raton City Commission agrees that by protecting and improving the Springer Women's Correctional Facility and securing a productive mission, it would promote jobs in the region and will significantly contribute to the regional economy.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2021.

(SEAL)

CITY OF RATON

James Neil Segotta, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci, Clerk/Treasurer