

**PROCLAMATION**

**Better Speech and Hearing Month  
May 2021**

*WHEREAS, many of us take communication for granted, illness or injury makes hearing, speaking, thinking or swallowing a challenge for many Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, by impairing communication, speech, language, and hearing disorders can limit academic achievement, social adjustment and career advancement; and*

*WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists are professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders, conditions that affect millions of Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, each year during the month of May, audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout the nation make a special effort to inform, educate, and raise public awareness of hearing, speech, language, swallowing disorders; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 42 million people in the United States – one in 10 families – have hearing, speech, language, cognitive or swallowing impairments; and*

*WHEREAS, most people with communicative disorders can be helped through medical and surgical treatment, hearing aids, and hearing and speech rehabilitation; and*

*WHEREAS, the health care costs for therapy, devices, and medical care, plus the indirect costs of the income lost for people with communicative disorders, are estimated at more than \$30 billion per year; and*


*WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Raton, New Mexico does hereby proclaim May 2021 as:

**“BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Seal of the City of Raton is affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.**

**CITY OF RATON**

  
**Linde' Schuster, Mayor Pro-tem**

  
**Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk**

