



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 43**

**CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF SUGARITE CANYON STATE PARK  
BY ACQUISITION OF THE BARTLETT MESA RANCH PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Raton currently owns 3873 acres of Sugarite Canyon and leases the area to New Mexico State Parks for the operation of Sugarite Canyon State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Raton has identified outdoor recreation as a focus area in its economic development strategic plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a parcel of land known as the Bartlett Mesa Ranch consisting of 2,224± deeded acres is currently offered for sale and is adjacent to the City's Sugarite property; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of the Bartlett Mesa Ranch tract would significantly expand outdoor recreation opportunities in the Raton area and meet the objectives of the City's economic development strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Raton has requested partnership and participation from New Mexico State Parks, Colfax County, the Trust for Public Land and the Nature Conservancy for regional outdoor recreation expansion in general and acquisition of the Bartlett Mesa Ranch property specifically; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Raton has requested a Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation from Senator Ben Ray Lujan to fund the acquisition.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Raton that the City of Raton, New Mexico states its support for the purchase and acquisition of the Bartlett Mesa Ranch property for the purpose of annexation to Sugarite Canyon State Park, for conservation and sustainability goals, and for public access and appreciation.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.**

**CITY OF RATON:**

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**James Neil Segotta, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk**