

**PROCLAMATION  
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH  
April 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurobiological disorder that interferes with the development of communication and social interaction skills; and

**WHEREAS**, one of every forty-four children born this year will be later diagnosed as having an Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3.5 million Americans are currently living with an ASD diagnosis, making Autism the fastest growing developmental disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a lifelong condition that presents challenges to education, employment, housing and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, early intervention, evidence-based practices and proven support greatly improve the outcomes and reduce the lifelong costs of care of individuals with Autism and their Families; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim April 2022 as:

**\*\*\* Autism Awareness Month \*\*\***

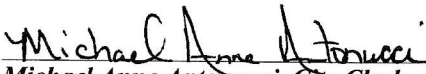
and commend the many professionals, families, advocates, and volunteers working to promote greater understanding of Autism in order to improve the quality of life of those affected by Autism.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

**CITY OF RATON**

  
James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

