

PROCLAMATION

**Better Speech and Hearing Month
May 2022**

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 2022 as:

“BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Seal of the City of Raton is affixed this 26th day of April, 2022.

CITY OF RATON

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci
Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

James Neil Segotta Jr.
James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

