

PROCLAMATION

“A Salute to Billy D”

WHEREAS, William Michael Donati aka Billy D., was born in Raton, NM at the old Miner’s Hospital, raised here and graduated from Raton High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, he began working at KRTN as a sophomore in high school and had various stints there until purchasing the station in 2005 and has been involved in radio promotion/production/advertising for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, he has held Marketing/Publicity Director positions while being the Track Announcer at La Mesa Park in Raton, Sunland Park in El Paso, Portland Meadows in Oregon, and Rillito Down in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, he has been named the Silver Spur Cowbelles “Man of the Year”, the “Grand Marshall” at the Colfax County Fair, the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau’s “Broadcaster of the Year”, received the Elks “Distinguished Citizens Award”, and was recognized for excellence in student achievement by the NM School Board Association; and

WHEREAS, he has announced the Raton High School graduates at commencement ceremonies for many years and has supported and helped raise funds for dozens and dozens of civic organizations including “Classic Night at the Movies”; and

WHEREAS, he has also promoted and supported local businesses, veterans groups including Run for the Wall, is the current President of the Shuler Restoration, Inc and has been the Shuler Theater’s Tech Director for the City for almost 25 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico on behalf of the City of Raton and the Raton City Commission, recognize and express appreciation to Billy D for his exceptional devotion to public service and his many years of hard work, professionalism, successful results and dedication to the community of Raton.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 23rd day of May, 2023.

CITY OF RATON

James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor

Desire’e Trujillo, City Clerk

