

PROCLAMATION

**Miners Heritage Day in Raton, New Mexico
December 6, 2023**

WHEREAS, workers in New Mexico's mining industries benefit our society by providing affordable and reliable energy, construction materials, and agricultural materials, and provide positive contributions to New Mexico's economy; and

WHEREAS, work in the mining industry may result in long-term exposure to dust and potential occupational risk of pneumoconiosis, silicosis, or other obstructive lung conditions; and

WHEREAS, Miners' Colfax Medical Center (MCMC) has provided specialized services and care to New Mexico miners since 1898 and was renovated in 1998 to provide the resident miners of New Mexico with a state of the art Long Term Care Facility; and

WHEREAS, MCMC has worked in collaboration with the University of New Mexico pulmonology department on community centered research to fight mining-related respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration will benefit miners by creating new services and assisting them to maintain not only their pulmonary health but also other health concerns they may have in the community; and


WHEREAS, research from this collaboration is designed to improve the response to health concerns that are relevant to miners and mining communities and may result in reduced morbidity and mortality of mining related diseases and improve the quality of life and medical outcomes for miners.

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, declares December 6, 2023 as Miners Heritage Day in Raton, New Mexico, and recognizes the contributions of New Mexico miners and the importance of the work of MCMC and UNM to the mining industry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 28th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta, Jr. Mayor


Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk

