

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
April 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*WHEREAS, libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life's journey; and*

*WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, or social economic status; and*

*WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the population they serve; and*

*WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and*

*WHEREAS, libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, libraries are an essential public good and fundamental institutions in working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and*

*WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.*

*NOW THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim April 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as:*

***"National Library Week"***

*and encourage all citizens to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.*

**ATTEST:**

*Desire'e Trujillo*  
**Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk**

**CITY OF RATON**

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

