

PROCLAMATION

***National Suicide Awareness Month
September, 2024***

WHEREAS, Suicide is a public health crisis impacting people of all ages across all socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, with 469 reported suicides of ages 10 and older in the state of New Mexico in 2023; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States, the third leading cause of death among teens and young adults ages 15 to 24, and the second leading cause of death among children ages 10 to 14 and individuals between the ages of 25 to 34; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the warning signs and support networks, including the three digit 999 number for the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline available through call or text to everyone, is essential to continue lowering the rates of suicide; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and R.A.I.N. are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through prayer, support, research, education, advocacy, and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle; and

WHEREAS, R.A.I.N. is also working to educate people about how substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, R.A.I.N. is sponsoring a Recovery and Remembrance Event on September 21st to honor and remember those who have been lost to suicide, violence, or drug overdose, and to honor and support those in recovery, and to encourage others to start on a path to sobriety.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico on behalf of the City of Raton do hereby proclaim the month of September as:

“National Suicide Awareness Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 10th day of September, 2024.

CITY OF RATON

James Neil Segotta, Jr. Mayor

Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk

