

PROCLAMATION

**RATON MAIN STREET ARTS AND CULTURE DISTRICT
RECIPIENTS OF THE
2025 GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARD
APRIL 22, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Raton Main Street Arts and Culture District, guided under the leadership of Ms. Brenda Ferri and the Board of Directors received the 2025 Great American Main Street Award in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Monday, April 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Raton Main Street Arts and Culture District was selected by a national jury of industry professionals and local leaders in economic development and historic preservation for their efforts in preserving and revitalizing Raton downtown.; and

WHEREAS, the Raton Main Street Arts and Culture District not only exemplifies the soul of a thriving Main Street Community but also serves as a model of advancement and innovation for Main Street programs across the state, region, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Raton Main Street Arts and Culture application was a rare first-time applicant/recipient for the award and only the second New Mexico city to receive the award since Silver City in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in a statement from Erin Barnes, President and CEO at Main Street America remarked, "Raton Main Street's remarkable revitalization efforts showcase the power of preservation-based economic development. With decisive leadership and a community-focused commitment to historic preservation, they have not only honored Raton's storied past but also built the foundation for a vibrant and resilient community for generations to come."; and

WHEREAS, the Raton Main Street Arts and Culture District leadership and Raton community leadership traveled to the 2025 Great American Main Street conference in Philadelphia where they met with communities across the nation providing a great experience for the team, and shined a positive spotlight on our community.

NOW THEREFORE, do I, James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico hereby proclaim April 22, 2025 as

"RATON MAIN STREET ARTS AND CULTURE DISTRICT DAY"

in the City of Raton and surrounding communities and ask the people of our communities to express pride in these community volunteers and thank them for a job well done.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and caused the Seal of the City of Raton to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2025.

CITY OF RATON

ATTEST:

James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor

Desire'e Trujillo, CMC, City Clerk

