

**Proclamation**  
**Fireworks Safety Awareness Days**  
**June 20-July 6, 2025**

**Whereas**, the National Integrated Drought Information System indicates that 99.96% of Colfax County is currently in drought conditions with 48.06% in severe drought; and

**Whereas**, in April 2025 the North American Seasonal Fire Assessment noted that "Above normal significant fire potential is forecast from southeast Arizona into southern and eastern New Mexico into much of the southwestern US by June"; and

**Whereas**, public lands and private facilities in Northeastern New Mexico often enact seasonal fire restrictions and often prohibit fireworks due to their ability to start a wildfire; and

**Whereas**, some populations such as Veterans are sensitive to the noise of fireworks; and

**Whereas**, the Raton Humane Society has urged the Raton City Commission to consider the noise impact and traumatization of domestic animals and pets and expressed dismay that the private use of fireworks, many of which are illegal, has often continued far beyond the allowable "season"; and

**Whereas**, the City of Raton Ordinance 130.161 states that the ignition of chasers and firecrackers are prohibited except for the period between June 20 and July 6 of each year, only between the hours of 9:00am and 10:00pm during the allowable period. Exceptions may be granted only by written permit from the City Manager; and

**Whereas**, the City of Raton Ordinance 130.161 Prohibited Fireworks section states that the following fireworks are prohibited at all times within the City of Raton: Aerial spinners, Helicopters, Mines, Missile-type rockets, Roman candles, Shells, and Stick-type rockets; and

**Whereas**, the City of Raton Ordinance 130.160 lists permissible fireworks as: cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, fitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches, and toy smoke devices and wheels; and

**Whereas**, the City of Raton Ordinance 130.158 states that "no person shall ignite any fireworks with a motor vehicle or throw fireworks from a motor vehicle, nor shall any person place or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at a motor vehicle or at or near any person or group of people." And "no person shall discharge any fireworks within 100 feet of combustible vegetation."

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, James Neil Segotta, Jr., Mayor of the City of Raton, New Mexico do hereby proclaim June 20-July 6, 2025 as

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And urge our citizens to only purchase legal fireworks, be cautious with their use of fireworks for fire safety and prevention, and to be courteous to neighbors and fellow citizens by following city ordinance.