

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KEEPING THE RATON NEW MEXICO V.A. CLINIC OPEN

Whereas, a Veterans of Foreign Wars survey found that 92 percent of veterans believe working to fix the VA, rather than dismantling it, is the best way to improve the care provided to America's veterans;

Whereas, one of the top priorities should be the expansion of care for the more than 4,700,000 rural veterans by using rural clinics, VA mobile clinics, and telemedicine under the supervision of each veteran's primary VA doctor;

Whereas, 144,977 veterans (8.8% of the total population according to the 2020 U.S. Census) live in New Mexico, making it the 9th highest concentration of veterans per capita in the U.S. Also, according to the VA recommendation to the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission, 51% of New Mexico's veterans live in rural communities, compared to the VA national average of 32.5%.

Whereas, 12.7% of the population in Colfax County are veterans and state-wide 51.7% of veterans are over 65.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Angel Fire Village Council support keeping the promise to all US Veterans that we will be here for them as they were there for us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Angel Fire Village Council specifically supports the continued operation of the Veterans' Clinic in Raton, including providing sufficient funding and staffing to provide timely access to the high quality of healthcare our veterans deserve.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Angel Fire Village Council on the 12 day April, 2022.



Attest:

Cindy Ward, Village Clerk

Jo Mixon, Mayor
Village of Angel Fire

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Sources of data

US Census: <https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?q=veterans+in+NM&page=1&stateGeo=none&searchtype=web&cssp=SERP& charset =UTF-8>

Veteran's Day: 2020, US Census:
<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2020/comm/veterans-day.html>

Raton city, NM, US Census: 362 veterans
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/ratoncitynewmexico>

2020 Veterans Profile (2019 data, dated), NM Dept of Workforce Solutions:
<https://www.dws.state.nm.us/Portals/0/DM/LMI/2020%20Veterans%20Profile.pdf>

This data source includes the percentage of veterans by county. Colfax is 12.7%, which is much higher than the state percentage of 8.4%)

Population by County:
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-counties/states/nm>