

Proclamation

Doña Ana County State of New Mexico

WHEREAS, January 2022 marks the 20th anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to highlight the need for youth mentors in our community to help ensure positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Doña Ana County honors volunteer mentors in the following programs: Kids Can-Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces, Big Brothers, Big Sisters-Mountain Region, and FYI Plus. Mentors in these organizations strengthen our community by fostering relationships that increase social capital for youth, promoting healthy interactions, strong communication, positive self-esteem and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs are needed more than ever. Mentors stepped up to fill gaps for young people and families, connecting them with resources, ensuring that mentoring relationships continue virtually to prevent social disconnection caused by physical distance; and

WHEREAS, mentoring plays a pivotal role in career exploration and supports workplace skills by helping young people set career goals, equips mentors with the skills needed to support our youth's professional growth and drive rewarding results for both youth and businesses; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely to skip school and 55% more likely to enroll in college, they are 46% less likely to use drugs and 27% less likely to drink. To become a mentor in Doña Ana County, please contact one of our local organizations or visit Mentoring.org to find resources and information.

NOW THEREFORE, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of January as

Youth Mentoring Month

PROUDLY PROCLAIMED this 25th day of January 2022

Board of County Commissioners for Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Manuel A. Sanchez yea ___ nay ___ Susana Chaparro x yea ___ nay ___
Manuel A. Sanchez, Chair Susana Chaparro, Member

Diana Murillo yea ___ nay ___ Absent yea ___ nay ___
Diana Murillo, Vice-Chair Shannon Reynolds, Member

Lynn J. Ellins yea ___ nay ___ Amanda Lopez Askin
Lynn J. Ellins, Member Attested: Amanda Lopez Askin, Ph.D., County Clerk

