

VILLAGE OF CIMARRON

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2017 AS CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH MONTH

Whereas, untreated tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among children, which can lead to a lifetime of poor dental health; and

Whereas, oral disease may unnecessarily impact a child's performance in school, their eating habits, speech development, nutrition, self-esteem, and a quality of sleep; and

Whereas, children living in poverty face the greatest oral health challenges, despite increased awareness about the importance of oral health; and

Whereas, employed parents and caregivers lose hours of work due to children being ill at home and absent from school; and

Whereas, poor oral health is associated with other diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and respiratory disease; and

Whereas, oral disease is preventable through various oral health strategies such as good oral health practices, access to care, preventive and treatment services, and having a dental home; and

Whereas, good nutrition is essential to maintain healthy teeth and gums throughout life; and

Whereas, consumption of fluoridated water reduces the incidence of tooth decay among children; and

Whereas, there is a need to provide increased opportunities for Parental involvement in their children's oral health; and




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Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Health's Office of Oral Health and other State offices, the New Mexico Oral Health Coalition, the Primary Care Association and its affiliates, DentaQuest Foundation Oral Health 20/20, New Mexico Lobo Sports Properties, other rural and urban medical and dental health care providers, local city governments and community advocates are working to increase awareness of the importance of oral health by providing oral health education, and promoting good oral health, identifying the cause of oral disease and providing oral health prevention and treatment services and risk reduction strategies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Cimarron hereby proclaims February 2017 as Children's Oral Health Month.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Cimarron to be affixed this 20th day of February, 2017.


Leo R. Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matthew E. Gonzales, Village Administrator

