

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces recognizes the month of November as a community commitment and regional collaboration month to raise awareness and acknowledge our species in peril along the Rio Grande through public programming and community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces, the New Mexico State University College of Arts and Sciences including the University Art Museum, Department of Art, and Creative Media Institute, the Southwest Environmental Center, Cruces Creatives, the NMSU Climate Change Education Seminar Series and the Las Cruces Arts and Cultural District in collaboration with 516 Arts, Albuquerque, NM, and partner venues in the Rio Grande watershed spanning CO, NM, TX and Mexico all commit themselves to providing education and spurring dialogue around the current and ongoing local and global threats to our environment and our region; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande River connects the community of Las Cruces across borders and disciplines that are home to a variety of living species, including flora, fauna, and other forms of life - iconic and overlooked - currently undergoing mass-die offs and population declines within the Rio Grande watershed; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration in the context of a global crisis aims to build a regional model of partnerships to address the issue of biological annihilation, one of the most challenging humanitarian crisis of our time, in which half of the world's species are facing extinction and acutely impacting the Las Cruces and the regional Rio Grande watershed community; and

WHEREAS, through investigation, education, programming, and recognition of our species in peril along the Rio Grande we as a community can help effect change, formulate new questions, and work towards new models to help treat, minimize, and mitigate the severity and damaging effects of this threat to natural life; and


NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and City Council of Las Cruces, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019 as:

"SPECIES IN PERIL ALONG THE RIO GRANDE AWARENESS MONTH"

and encourage all citizens to take part in the programming happening throughout our city that might begin to reduce the devastating effects of climate change and species extinction in our Rio Grande community at large.

ATTEST:


Linda Lewis, City Clerk


Ken D. Miyagishima, Mayor

