



## CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

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### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- Whereas,** The Office of the City Councilor is a time honored and vital part of local government, established and sanctioned by statutes of the State of New Mexico and;
- Whereas,** The Office of the City Councilor is elected by the citizens of the City of Rio Communities as their representative in local government and:
- Whereas,** The Office of the City Councilor provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government and;
- Whereas,** City Councilors continually strive to improve the administration of the City of Rio Communities participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of the New Mexico Municipal League, Valencia County, and the State of New Mexico professional organizations and,
- Whereas,** It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of City Councilor William "Bill" Brown.

**Rio Grande Estates Fire Department (RGEFD) 2001 – 2015:** 2001, John Cherry, Valencia County Fire Marshall, appointed Bill Brown to the newly formed RGEFD Board of Trustees who over saw the Fire Department. Bill was active on that board until 2015 when the RGEFD was transferred to the City. He continued to be its champion throughout his time on the council.

**Tierra Bonita (Keep American Beautiful) 2003-2015 (and beyond)** Mission: Clean up the local environment and educate the community. Bill served as director and was instrumental in obtaining the non-profit status when the county changed direction.

**Habitat for Humanity (VC-HFA) 1987-2012** Mission: Rehabilitate and build homes for low-income Valencia County residents. Before it was dissolved in 2011., they built 112 new homes and rehabbed 29. Bill served as President of the board until assets were dispersed.

**Rio Communities Optimist Club.** 2018 to present. Focus: To make the future brighter thru service to others, especially youth. Bill was a founding member and President 2018-2019.

**Rio Communities Wellness Council (RCWC) 2015-present:** Bill was a founding member and the main stay in all the Health Fairs – his vender contacts were on target, he welcomed all visitors and tallied all of our surveys. He was ready to handle every role.

**Rio Communities City Council 2016-2021.** Bill was a tireless council member. He researched every issue that came before the council. Bill had a discerning eye for spelling and grammar. He edited all documents. He was

an ardent champion of citizens causes and community input at meetings. He strove for a clean environment, city recognition, notable fire department and open communication.

Now, Therefore, I Joshua Ramsell, Mayor Pro tem of The City of Rio Communities, do hereby proclaim Wednesday September 29, 2021, as:

## ***William “Bill” Brown Day***

in the City of Rio Communities and urge all residents and employees to join myself and the City Council to recognize William “Bill” Brown, as former City Councilor, and further extend appreciation for the vital services he performed and his exemplary dedication to the communities he represented.

***Duly proclaimed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.***

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Joshua Ramsell, Mayor Pro tem