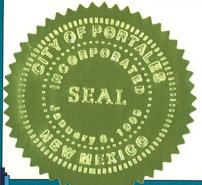
PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS;** The United Way of Eastern New Mexico 2-1-1 program is a free, confidential referral and information helpline that connects people of all ages to essential health and human services; and
- **WHEREAS**; 2021 is the fourteenth-year anniversary of the 2-1-1 program in Curry and Roosevelt counties; and
- WHEREAS; 2,333 local families last year were assisted in meeting their personal challenges on their journeys to stability, self-sufficiency, and wholeness through community resources when they were in need.
- WHEREAS; Due to the Game Changer program and Covid-19 Relief grants, 2-1-1 has been able to provide direct assistance to 703 people in 2020 allowing them to avoid eviction and power shutoff—remaining safe in their homes; allowing them to obtain birth certificates and identification needed to apply for housing, employment and schooling; allowing them to overcome significant home livability crises and
- **WHEREAS;** United Way of Eastern New Mexico is conducting awareness activities throughout February to celebrate this important FREE service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ronald L. Jackson, on behalf of the Portales City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

"2-1-1 Month"

in the community and congratulate United Way of Eastern New Mexico in providing the 2-1-1 service to our area for the past fourteen years. We encourage residents to utilize 2-1-1 to access needed services.



Ronald L. Jackson, Mayor