

Office of the Mayor  
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

*Proclamation*

**ENERGY AWARENESS DAY**  
**January 16, 2009**

*Whereas:* The preventable waste of water and energy resources are recognized as local and global environmental problems; and

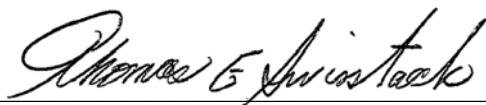
*Whereas:* The City of Rio Rancho's attention to the wise use of resources will motivate the students and youth of our community to get involved in learning about the impact of their decisions on the environment, broaden their appreciation of natural treasures; and

*Whereas:* The families of Rio Rancho are receptive to ideas and tools that make their homes more environmentally friendly and energy-efficient, and families can help improve their community while at the same time saving money on energy bills; and

*Whereas:* Rio Rancho businesses can incorporate energy efficiency and environmental design into their workplaces and support market-based development of clean, reliable, cost-effective, and self-reliant energy; and

*Whereas:* Rio Rancho's municipal government has an important role to play in promoting prudent energy use, thereby improving healthy living spaces like fields, parks and playgrounds, so that its citizens can enjoy the exceptional New Mexican outdoors with clean air.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That, I, Thomas E. Swisstack, Mayor, and the Governing Body of the City of Rio Rancho, do hereby designate the Friday before the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday of 2009 and subsequent years to be declared in perpetuity "ENERGY AWARENESS DAY" and urge all citizens to participate in reducing our city's carbon footprint.*



Thomas E. Swisstack, Mayor

*January 16, 2009*

Date