



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** mental health is essential to everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being; and
- Whereas,** mental illness will strike one in five adults and children in a given year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and
- Whereas,** people who have mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives; and
- Whereas,** an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people who have mental health disorders are not receiving the help they need; and
- Whereas,** the cost of untreated and mistreated mental illnesses and addictive disorders to American businesses, governments and families has grown to \$113 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** the National Mental Health Association and its national partners observe Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Traylor Smith, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

## *"Mental Health Month"*

in Grand Junction, Colorado in order to increase public awareness of severe mental illness and to promote greater understanding for those who suffer from the potentially disabling symptoms of these disorders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019.



*Barbara Traylor Smith*  
Mayor