



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Colorado is a premiere bicycling state and Grand Junction offers some of the most diverse bicycling opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has designated each June as Bike Month to celebrate bicycling for transportation, fun and health; and

WHEREAS, Colorado joins a nationwide effort to encourage cycling novices and enthusiasts to experience the fun and freedom of safely riding a bike to work, school, errands and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, bicycling activities and attractions have a positive impact on Grand Junction's economy and tourism industry and stimulates economic development by making the area attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out-of-doors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion, all of which contribute to Grand Junction "Becoming the Most Livable Community West of the Rockies"; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Trails Committee and Grand Valley Bikes, along with other local organizations throughout Mesa County will be promoting bicycling as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during Bike Month and on Bike to Work Day .

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim the month of June and Wednesday, June 26, 2013 as

"BIKE MONTH AND BIKE TO WORK DAY"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon all citizens to participate by biking as an alternative form of transportation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of June 2013.

Mayor

